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Smashing R. A. F. Raid In Sicily

"NEW GERMAN NUISANCE" IN MEDITERRANEAN

Ten Junkers Shot Down Over Malta: Hitler's Plan

CAIRO, January 17.

Another smashing raid was carried out on Catania in Sicily on Wednesday night by bombing aircraft of the R.A.F.

Heavy explosion and a large fire was caused in the north-west hangar which was visible from fifty miles away. Fire was also caused in the Administrative buildings.

In the Western Desert Derna was also raided. Bombs were dropped on military barracks.

AERODROME ABLAZE

Following another attack by the R.A.F. on the "Luftwaffe's" Sicilian base at Catania during Wednesday night, German dive-bombers escorted by Italian fighters were shot down by R.A.F. fighters and anti-aircraft fire. This is revealed in an R.A.F. "communique" issued here to-day.

HUGE FIRES
The first wave of R.A.F. bombers to attack Catania caused a heavy explosion and a large fire in the north-west hangar which was visible from over fifty miles away and assisted following aircraft to identify their target. Another large fire was caused among Administrative buildings at the aerodrome.

A third fire near the east hangar revealed several aircraft to be ablaze and among the aircraft dispersed along the south boundary of the aerodrome explosions caused more.

All the British aircraft returned safely from this "successful operation," adds the "communique."

Raid On Malta

A large force of aircraft raided Malta. German Junkers and 87 and 88 planes which were escorted by Italian Fiat CR. 42 fighters dive-bombed the harbour. British fighters destroyed five of the enemy and anti-aircraft gunners five more. No damage occurred to the R.A.F. property, but civilian property suffered considerably.

In Western Desert

In the Western Desert, Derna was raided by the R.A.F. and bombs were dropped on military barracks. British fighters maintained their usual patrols, but again without engaging any enemy aircraft.

The First Attack

The R. A. F. first raided Catania airport on Sunday night after the German-Italian air attack on British warships in the Sicilian Channel. Photographs of damage taken from the air afterwards showed that between thirty and forty aircraft including, it is believed, German divebombers had been burnt out or severely damaged. The hangar on the west side of the aerodrome was destroyed and two others hit.

Malta was subjected to a series of raids on Wednesday and that night, according to a telegram from there, Dive-bombing attacks were made.—Reuter.

What Hitler Is About

"Reuter's" Naval Correspondent writes:—

"With German dive-bombers operating from Sicily the difference between German and Italian efficiency appears, and the picture of the Mediterranean has, for the moment, changed. But responsible naval circles in London are not dismayed by the advent of this weapon and are confident of mastering this 'new German nuisance'."

FACTORS INVOLVED

"The factors involved include the number of German dive-bombers, the number of British fighters available, the damage done to the German bases by R. A. F. bombers and the speed with British naval gunners acquire the technique of dealing with dive-bombers."

The operations in Libya and Egypt necessitated considerable convoys through the Mediterranean and until last week conveying had gone successfully, Italian bombing from a great height proving unsuccessful. At the same time with the help of the R. A. F. the Navy has been very successful in preventing reinforcements and supplies from reaching the Italian forces in Libya.

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HITLER'S PLAN

The next question requiring an answer is what is Hitler going to do with his forces in Rumania and elsewhere. Is he coming through Spain? If Italy collapses is almost sure to come through Italy to establish himself in the Mediterranean. He might come through Yugoslavia into Greece, or through Bulgaria into Turkey. He might go through Italy to Sicily and Tunisia which would present a problem for the French.

Meantime the German claim to have caused considerable fresh damage to the aircraft carrier "Illustrious" at Malta is authoritatively stated in London to be grossly exaggerated.—Reuter.

British Troops May Land In Sicily

LONDON, Jan. 16.

Reuter's Air Correspondent writes: Germany is at war—in the air—on two fronts. So far in the Mediterranean, Nazi Air Squadrons based on Sicily have carried out one partially successful attack on British warships, notably on the aircraft carrier "Illustrious" and the cruiser "Southampton." The bill Germany had to pay for that stroke was the loss of a number of Junker dive-bombers at the time, but more important was the disclosure of one nest at Catania of which the R.A.F. took immediate advantage.

Acknowledging that the British fleet is not to be scared into seeking security and, less still, a way out through scuttling, there is no obvious reason why the R.A.F. and the navy together should not in time exhaust the German air contingents resources.

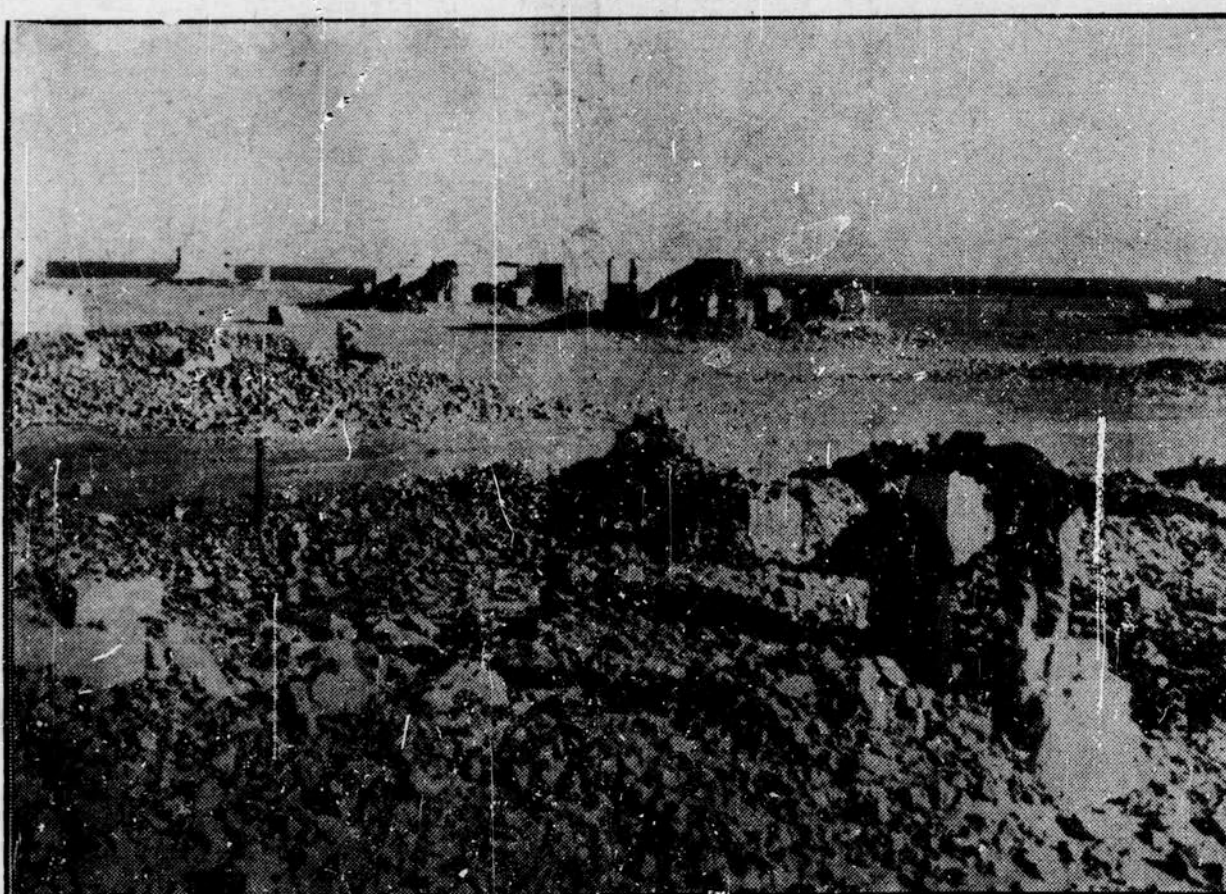
In the last resort a British landing in Sicily to clean up the Nazi air pests should they become too great a source of embarrassment is not unfeasible with Malta so near.—Reuter.

GREEKS CAPTURE ITALIAN POST

ATHENS, Jan. 17.

Greek initiative continues all along the Albanian front. Continuous snowfall and intensive cold are preventing large-scale operations but the Greeks continue to improve their positions daily by local action. The latest development is the capture by shock tactics of an Italian post which suffered so heavily through patrol activity that the Italians have been obliged to re-form it with men and materials only newly arrived in Albania.

A Greek official spokesman says that important heights in the southern sector of the front have been occupied by Greeks while one Italian division was holding a height of great strategic importance in the central sector. The Italians, however, are reported to be experiencing such difficulty in transport of reinforcements that one fine mountain position has been abandoned.—Reuter.



Sidi Barrani after bombardment by British Naval Units

"I Might Stand On My Head!"

—ROOSEVELT

U. S. President Explains And Defends Lease And Lend Bill WANTS NO RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.

President Roosevelt told a press conference to-day that he did not favour suggestions that would place a limitation on the Lease and Lend Bill. He humorously suggested that if restrictions were to be inserted in the Bill there should also be a provision to prevent the President of the United States standing on his head because under the Bill, as it now stood, he might do so. In a world that was changing every 24 hours, President Roosevelt added, things might turn up and precautions were necessary. The provision in the Bill to permit the Secretaries of War and the Navy to buy war materials from friendly nations was inserted as a precaution. Asked about the newspaper article quoted in the House of Representatives to-day to the effect that the Bill would enable America to buy the British and French fleets, President Roosevelt said that he supposed Congress might authorise him to acquire the German navy too.

STOP PRESS

BHABHA TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA AGAIN

WARDHA, Jan. 17.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi has not approved of the list of Satyagrahis in Baluchistan. Mr. Abdul Samad Khan, the Baluchistan leader, who had brought the list for Mahatma Gandhi's approval has left Wardha. Mr. Vinoba Bhave, it is understood, will be again offering Satyagraha to-morrow morning in Nagazari village.—A. P.

LATHI CHARGE IN MADRAS

VELLORE, Jan. 17.

After Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliar was taken to the court there was a large crowd near the Fort gate. The police cleared the crowd with a lathi charge, in which several persons are reported to have been injured.—A. P.

NINE IRISH SHIPS SUNK

Minister's Statement In Dail: Singapore Call To De Valera

LINE UP WITH BR. COMMONWEALTH

DUBLIN, January 17.

The Minister of Supplies, Mr. Lemass revealed in the debate in the Dail that a total of nine ships of Irish registration flying the Irish flag had been sunk off the Irish coast.

FOOD FOR EIRE

Mr. Lemass gave a warning that if necessary all commodities will be rationed. He also gave the assurance that Eire had wheat reserves sufficient for six months but declared that they must increase food production "to save the population from want or starvation."

Prominent Irish businessmen in Singapore have cabled to De Valera imploring Eire to abandon neutrality and take her "rightful place alongside the British Commonwealth of Nations immediately to crush Hitlerism and all it stands for."

The cable was dispatched after many letters had been received from all over Malaya in support of its terms as proposed by a letter inserted in advance in local newspapers.

Allegations Against Ireland

The attitude of the Eire Government towards the war is that Eire will keep out, if she possibly can, and defend her neutrality against all comers, writes an authorised commentator on Imperial affairs.

The British people know that Irish neutrality is not equal in its effect between the two belligerents. The lights of Eire can help and guide Nazi planes and the British navy is denied in Eire an important natural and necessary counter-part of the German-ruled Atlantic bases. Yet, this is not to say that British opinion would like to smash Eire's neutrality and seize her ports or anticipate by military action possible German invasion.

Eire's neutrality in fact has been scrupulously respected by the British Government nor has it ever been threatened by a responsible British spokesman. The conviction grows that the future of Anglo-Irish relations and particularly Eire's part in the war does not lie with the British or Irish people to determine for both have said their say, but with some third party, a persuasive friend or an invading enemy.—Reuter.

HEAVY GUN FIRE GREEL RAIDERS

Nazis Bomb Hospital, But No Casualties Caused

LONDON, January 17.

German raiders over England during the night concentrated on a west England district though there was slight activity in the London area. For some hours waves of enemy bombers were flying over one town in the west and many incendiaries were scattered followed by high explosives. Some bombs fell on the staff quarters of a hospital and damaged the administrative block, but there were no casualties among patients.

There were two alerts in London, the first being short and without incidents. Soon after the second warning, heavy gunfire greeted enemy aircraft, which flew in from the Thames estuary, but changed their course under severe bombardment.—Reuter.

Japanese Premier Decides

Discretion Is Better Part Of Valour

ADVERTISED STATEMENT IN REPLY TO CORDELL HULL NOW NOT TO BE MADE

TOKYO, Jan. 17.

All influential sources of opinion in Japan are being consulted by the Government prior to Prince Konoye's statement to the nation on the subject of the present critical situation.

The past two days have seen two conferences of the Government with representatives of both Houses of the Diet and with military authorities.

Additional conferences will be held, states the Domei Agency, with members of the Privy Council, Cabinet representatives and former Ministers of State.

On second thoughts, the Japanese Government is not to make a statement in answer to the evidence given by Mr. Cordell Hull before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

That such a statement was to be made was announced by a Government spokesman earlier to-day, but the Domei Agency, authoritatively understands that the Government has now decided not to issue a statement in this connection.

Australia And Japan

Relations between Japan and Australia are cordial despite unavoidable trade and financial restrictions caused by the war," stated the Minister for External Affairs, Sir Frederick Stewart, says a Sidney message.

The Commonwealth, he said, heartily reciprocated Mr. Matsukata's (Japanese Foreign Minister's) expressed desire for peace and mutual understanding.

Commenting on the countries listed for economic penetration by Japan which were previously described as "South Seas," Sir Frederick said that had caused doubt and uneasiness in Australia about Japan's ultimate intentions.—Reuter.

PEKING "BLOCKADE" LIFTED

PEKING, Jan. 17.

Seven weeks of the Japanese "blockade" of Peking ended to-day. The punitive action was put into effect following the murder of a Japanese Officer on November 29.

An official proclamation states that now that the assassins have been arrested all restrictive measures at the City Gates will be removed henceforth. Another official statement embodies the termination of the alleged assassinations.

Both men are stated to be Northerners and former officers of Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's army.

The indictment states that they confessed to the crime and will be tried by a Japanese Military Court. An unspecified number of arrests has been made in the same connection.—Reuter.

"THE KHYBER" TO BE PROTECTED AREA

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

The Gazette of India, says:—External Affairs Department: The Indian Coinage (Third Amendment) Ordinance is extended to British Baluchistan. The whole area known as "The Khyber" and in the political Agent, Khyber, is declared to be protected area.

Labour Department: It is announced that with effect from April 1, the Central Government with their consent has entrusted to provincial Governments the function of the Central Government under the Indian Trade Unions Act in relation to Trade Unions whose objects are not confined to and whose head office is situated in that province.—A. P.

INDO-CHINESE AIR LINK

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17.

A direct airline between China and India is planned for the near future.

A subsidiary of the Pan-American Airways, the Sino-American National Aviation Corporation, is expected to operate the new Service.

A Douglas Air Liner owned by the Corporation will shortly make a survey flight.

The airline will be inaugurated as soon as maintenance arrangements have been completed, it is learned here.—Reuter.

Amery To Leave India Office?

British Cabinet Changes

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 17.

It is understood that before Parliament meets, 16 Downing Street will announce a few changes in Government. Mr. R. A. Butler is expected to be promoted as Minister. He is likely to succeed Mr. Ramsbotham as President of Board of Education. Mr. Richard Law will probably succeed Mr. Butler. At the same time Conservative circles are talking about Mr. Amery leaving India Office to take charge of the new department which will formulate economic programme in order to avoid present grievous waste of manufactured goods.

BRITISH CABINET CHANGES

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Further changes in the British Government are probable, says Reuter's Lobby Correspondent. Since Lord Halifax was appointed Ambassador to the United States it has been expected that his Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office Mr. R. A. Butler would receive a promotion and it is now probable that Mr. Butler will shortly become President of the Board of Education—a sphere of national activity in which he is greatly interested.

In that event surprise would not be caused if Mr. W. K. Law, son of the late one-time Premier, Bonar Law, and now Financial Secretary to the War Office—took Mr. Butler's place at the Foreign Office under the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden. Before Mr. Eden and Mr. Law came together at the War Office they were associated in the so-called "Young Conservative" drive for a more vigorous war policy.—Reuter.

Anglo-Bolivian Financial Agreement Reached

LA PAZ, Jan. 17.

Financial agreement has been reached between the British and Bolivian Governments following the six-day visit by the British Trade Mission it is learned here. Although nothing official has been revealed, it is understood that the agreement provides for payment to the extent of 75 per cent in gold and the balance in blocked pounds for tin shipments to Great Britain.—Reuter.

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(Sd.) VINAYAK VRAJLAL CHHAYA.
Dated this 16th day of January 1941. (14113)

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ABSTRACT OF NOTICE OF MOTION for Decree.
Absolute dated 23rd October 1940.

HIGH COURT

O.O.C.J.

Suit No. 1076 of 1939.
CHHANANLAL KASTURCHAND AND OTHERS... Plaintiffs

vs
LAXMAN alias BABULAL SOBAN SHANKER DALAYA and ors... Defendants.

To LAXMAN alias BABULAL SOBAN SHANKER DALAYA, Esqr., The 1st defendant abovesaid. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this Hon'ble Court will be moved before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blackwell on the 6th day of February, 1941, at 11 O'clock S.T. in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard by counsel on behalf of the plaintiffs amovenamed for an order:—

- that the property of the first defendant herein, more particularly described in the Preliminary Mortgage Decree dated 5th April 1940, be sold by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court for Taking Accounts, by public auction;
- that the proceeds of such sale or so much thereof as may be sufficient be applied in or towards the satisfaction of the said decree in favour of the plaintiffs;
- that the plaintiffs do have liberty to bid at the said sale and that in the event of their becoming purchasers of the property, they be at liberty to set off the purchase price against the amount due to them under the aforesaid decree;
- that in the event of a deficiency, the plaintiffs do have liberty to apply for a personal decree against the 1st defendant;
- that the plaintiffs do have liberty to add to the amount of the mortgage debt herein, the costs of this application and of the decree to be passed herein and of incidental to the sale to be made in pursuance thereof when taxed as between attorney and client.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1940.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO., Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

N.B.—Affidavit of Chhoganlal Dharmaji the Munim of the plaintiffs affirmed on 23rd October, 1940, will be used in support of the said notice of Motion. (14137)

Legal Notices

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Re: SALE OF PROPERTY at CHARNI ROAD. (Girgaon) Bombay.

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ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Sailor Building No. 373, Hornby Road, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground together with the message tenement or building known as "The Pathe Cinema Theatre", standing thereon abutting on the Lamington and Tribhovan Roads on the East side of the said Lamington Road and South side of the said Tribhovan Road, outside the Fort District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2,200 square yards or thereabouts registered by the Collector of Land Revenue Bombay under New Survey No. 7,387 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 1,266 (part) of Girgaon Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 1,660 (11 and 12) and Street No. K and 1K and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by Plots 30, 21 and part of 29 of the Sandhurst Road (West) Estate of the City Improvement Trust, on or towards the West partly by the land of Gordhandas Tribhovanandas Mangaldas and on or towards the South by the property of the said Lamington Road and partly by the land belonging to Ardeshir Dadabhai Baria leased to Kisonadas Tribhovanandas Mangaldas, on or towards the North by the land belonging to Ardeshir Dadabhai Baria leased to Kisonadas Tribhovanandas Mangaldas and on or towards the South by the property of Gordhandas Tribhovanandas Mangaldas. Dated this 16th day of January, 1941.

Messrs. RAMANLAL & HIMATLAL, Purchasers' Attorneys.

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai JASODABAI, widow of Janmayajaya Chhabildas of Borivil and Bai LILI also the widow of Janamayajaya Chhabildas, residing in Bombay have contracted to sell to my client the lands (including the Zavli Cottages on lands bearing part of Survey No. 4) in the village of Pahadi also known as Eksar Pahadi in the Bombay Suburban District described below with their appurtenances (including the Khotsi right to recover assessment and the Local Fund Cess in respect of the said lands) free from all incumbrances.

Any person having any claim or interest on or to the said property or any portion thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, possession, gift, inheritance, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned in writing at his residence at Jackera Road, Malad, Bombay Suburban District, within fourteen days from the publication hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

Lands (including five Zavli Cottages of land, bearing part of Survey No. 4) in the village of Pahadi also known as Eksar Pahadi, in the Bombay Suburban District containing 74 Acres 10 guntas or thereabouts and bearing Survey Nos. 1 (excepting Hissa No. 1), 2 (excepting Hissa No. 1) and 3 to 24 (both inclusive).

Dated 17th January, 1941.

N. B. DESAI, Purchaser's Advocate (14145)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 795 of 1939.

BHAGWANDAS GORDHAN-DAS VORA Plaintiff,

versus.
Bai MAHALAXMI, widow of TRICUMMAL NARANDAS MODI Defendant.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 28th February, 1940 and Chamber Judge's Order, dated 11th October, 1940, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court on the premises on Tuesday, 4th February, 1941, at 5 P.M. (S.T.).

ALL THAT piece of land with the hereditaments structures shed well etc., thereon admeasuring 5251 Square Yards or thereabouts at Moule Eksar, near Borivil, Bombay Suburban, bearing entry Nos. 992 and 994 and according to some title deeds Survey Nos. 174 and 175 and Plot Nos. 1 and 2 and 4 but according to the present Record of Rights Survey No. 170 Hissa No. 5.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. PATHARE AND LILADHAR, Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 36, Tamarind Lane, Tamarind House, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 4th day of December 1940.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (14134)

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STEELS AND TEXTILES QUIET

Market Hesitant & Traders Await Developments

Romey, Jan 17		100 Phoenix		255
The local share bazar opened in sympathy with weakness in raw cotton and easier Wall Street advices and under moderate buying prices improved but as the session was renewed selling and prices eased off for steel shares and the market presented disappointing tone. It appears that there is no desire to increase purchases in view of the Budget uncertainty and the market was without any definite tendency.		25 Sassoon Silk	.....	85
		25 Shawmut N.D.	.....	2785
		50 SIMPLY	.....	100
		100 SWADESHI	.....	254
		100 SWAN	.....	153
		500 Vishnu	.....	1082
		1000 Western	.....	1250
		BANKS		
		50-100 BARODA	.....	103
		50-100 CENTRAL	.....	43
		500 IMPERIAL	.....	1585
		125-500 Imp. Contry.	.....	332
		50-100 India	.....	139
		500 NERVE BANK	.....	105
		5 UNION	.....	6
		CEMENTS		
		100 ASSOCIATED	.....	145
		INSURANCE		
		100 Empire	.....	602
		15-100 JUPITER	.....	12
		20 Mercantile	.....	10
		1000 M. INDIA	.....	10

200 Oriental	....	350
15-50 Vulcan	....	8

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.	100 AHMD OLD 173
Bombay Dyeing (1968/12) 1035 1037 1046	100 ANDHRA VALLEY 160
1045 1043 1040 1041	10 AJMER
Kohinoor (357/8) 366 371 367 368	100 BOMBAY TRAM 180
Central India (287) 295 291 292 298	100 Bombay Suburban X.D. ... 111
Kohinoor (381) 378 378 378 378 377 378	10 Broach
New Great (320) 316 317 317/8	100 Cutch
Simplax (56/8) 95 97 96/8	100 Poona 215
Sudeshini (251) 248 248 255 254/8	100 Poona 215
Associated Cement Co. Ltd. 146 145 145 145	100 TATA HYDRO 173
	1000 TATA POWER 1497

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Tram Offr (132) 132		50 C. Province	1002
1815 1815		100 Jharkhand Samal	1002
Tata Power (1496/4) 1505 1605 1497		100 Gujarat	100
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1830 1832 1835		100 Pachora Jammer	90
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (364) 363 364 361/8		100 Sara Sirajpur	90
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (149/8) 149/8 149/4 149/4		500 Tapti Valley	60
Bellapur (206) 206 207 106 206/8			
B Steam (297) 297			
B Huma (525) 520 527 522 523/12			
		MININGS	
		30 Burma Corporation	3
		85h. Indian Corp.	3

limited and small orders on the either side are moving prices. The mfrs. are likely to be hesitant for some time and operators will be inclined to await Budget proposals	10 Indian Iron and Steel ... 39
Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1835 and improved to Rs. 1847 but with renewed sel	10 SHIVRAJOUR ... 35
	30 TATA STEEL DEF. ... 1630
	75 TATA STEEL ORD. ... 1850
	10 Steel Corporation ... 18
	MISCELLANEOUS
	100 ALCOHOL ... 55
	10 Air Services ... 25
	50 RELAPHR. SUGAR x D. 25

ing prices declined to Rs. 1850. Bombay	240	Bombay Safe Dep	280
Dyeing shacks opened at Rs 1035 and ad-	250	BOMBAY STEAM	291
vanced to Rs 1846 when the improvement	125	B. BURMA	62
was checked by profit-taking and Bombay	5	B. Burma	523
Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1042. Towards	85h.	B. B. Petro	3
the close there was limited business and	50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	87
prices fluctuated within a narrow range	100	IND. BLEACHING	117
	50	Ind. Invest. Sess	117
	100	Ind. Rad. Def	414
	100	Indian Radin Ord	455

TEXTILE SHARES	
240	Bombay Safe Dep
250	BOMBAY STEAM
125	B. BURMA
5	B. Burma
85h.	B. B. Petro
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE
100	IND. BLEACHING
50	Ind. Invest. Sess
100	Ind. Rad. Def
100	Indian Radin Ord

	Bombay, Jan. 17.		100	Pot Car Milling		83
150	Ahm. Advance	265	0	CENTRAL INDIA		89
150	BOMBAY DYING	265	0	IS SCINDIA		89
100	CENTURY	368	0	25 Tata Oil	REFERENCE	89
100	CENTRAL INDIA	388	0	7 p.c. Andhra Valley		15-8
100	COLABA	388	0	6 p.c. Bombay Trust		300
100	Goolia	99	0	7 p.c. Bom. Trans (T.F.)		76
150	Dawn	335	0	5 p.c. Cent. India (T.F.)		625
250	Dawn	335	0	10 p.c. Const Ind		110
1 E. I. Sassoon Def.		67	3	6 1/4 p.c. Frem. Const Fnd		110
100 GOKAK		201	8	7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power		1574

100	Indore	42	6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	235
100	Khatwa	129	7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	713
160	KOHINOOR	377	7 p.c. Vishnu	210
160	LAKE	207		140
100	MORARI	305		285
250	Model	116		52
50	MYSORE	72		76
200	NEW GREAT	378	6 p.c. Bhandi Telephone	52
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			4 6 p.c. Tata Hydro	101

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS	RAW COTTON SITUATION
Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 10th January 1934. 1 Demand Liabilities: (a) In India 168,98,30,000	Speculators' Realise Cheapness of Staple Bombay, Jan. 10. Messrs. P. Chrysata and Co. have issued

Time liabilities	6,61,26,000
(a) In India	66,95,000
(b) In Burma	3,53,14,000
Capital	
(1) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes:	
(a) In India	6,65,93,000
(b) In Burma	91,000
(2) Burma notes	
(a) In India	18,000
(b) In Burma	

(b) In Burma	481,000
(c) In India	1,365,000
(d) In Burma	1,570,000
(e) Subsidized Coin:	
(a) In India	72,740,000
(b) In Burma	33,000
(c) Balances with Reserve Bank	44,633,000
5. Advances:	
(a) In India	99,901,000
(b) In Burma	49,697,000

6. Bills Discounted :				
(a) In India	2,57,70,00			
(b) In Burma	15,40,00			
Comparative Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks :				
(In thousand Rupees)				
	10-1941	3-1-1941	12-1-1941	1-9-1939
1. Demand				
In India				
In Burma	177,80.18	178,78.06	146,12.86	141,39.78

2. Time lags in India and Burma	(81.88)	(83.20)	(72.90)	(75.30)
3. Total time lags in India & Burma	90.92	100.45	154.52	166.46
	(53.14)	(33.60)	(37.49)	(22.22)
4. Time lags in India & Burma	8.10	5.05	6.80	7.97
	(7.62)	(5.02)	(6.66)	(7.98)

with Reserve					
Bank	44,631.3	47,147.0	16,972.6	25,275.7	
5. Advances					
in India & Burma	105,975.7	1,021,233.3	149,817.4	105,055.0	
	(4,09,57)	(3,49,91)	(4,14,70)	(4,12,92)	
6. Bills discounted in India and Burma	2,80.01	2,60.11	4,95.98	3,86.74	

Following were the prices of rubber in the local market—5

Yesterday's closing was same. Copra \$35.0.
Cocoanut oil F.O.B. 215.00. Business done—
A.P.

COLombo SHARES

COLombo : Jan. 17.

Estates Company of Uva 15 1/2,	Miyana-
wita Tea 11, Richards Tea 11, Saint Jago	

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay, Jan 17

Yarn No. 6	1/8 February 127	April 1
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perak Rubber 7 1/2, Kiriella 4 1/2, Teasams
 Rubber 12 1/2, Vaikumdam 8, Gallebodd
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 Tea Rubber 11, North-Western 8 3/4, Opal-
 galla Tea Rubber 8 1/2, Rayigam 14, Ke-
 alle Rubber Tea 2-A. P.

Yarn No.	10 1/2s	February	145	April	145
					June
Yarn No.	20 1/2s	February	182	182	182
					June
Yarn No.	40s	February	268	268	268
					June

270

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1938	41,74,000	4,42,000
1939	50,11,000	6,50,000
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LIBERALS' WARNING

The statement issued by eleven prominent Liberal leaders in reply to the message to India by nine members of the British Parliament deserves to be seriously considered by Britain as indicative of the feeling among her best friends in India. While deploring that India and England are drifting apart, they earnestly urge that "it will be a greater tragedy if immediate efforts are not made to reconcile the two". So far, they say, the British Government have failed to unify British and Indian interests and to insure that the British cause among the people of India "How can India," they pertinently ask, "which is not assured of her future freedom forget its humiliating position and work enthusiastically for the freedom of England and other nations?" This is precisely the question which the Congress has been asking all these months. And the Liberals only echo the feeling among Congressmen when they say that Government's war measures "have but confirmed the suspicion that both in respect of Defence and industrial development Britain is guided more by regard for British than Indian interests".

Outspoken Criticism

Nor are the Liberals deceived by the Viceroy's offer or Mr. Amery's speeches in its praise. They point out that "representatives of political parties cannot be expected to have any enthusiasm for joining the Executive Council merely as departmental heads"—not even Sir Sikander Hyat Khan's party has agreed to do that. The Liberal leaders are more outspoken about certain features of Mr. Amery's speeches. Some of the declarations on behalf of Government, they say, "encourage communal intransigence and thus practically give the minorities and other interests a veto on constitutional advance". Such declarations, they add, "have created the impression that Britain is taking advantage of the communal difficulties in order to maintain her power". The Liberal leaders also legitimately ask how Mr. Amery's frequent and undue emphasis on Britain's "historic obligations in this country" can be reconciled with any "earnest desire of Britain to endow India with full freedom and treat her as her equal". If there were earnest desire, there would be no equivocation.

Not Definite

While the Liberal leaders' exposure of Britain's policy is fairly

satisfactory, their constructive suggestions have not the definiteness which is essential for any real and speedy reform of the present policy. It is true they declare that "unless the Indian Defence forces are nationalised by affording equal opportunities to all classes and provinces to take part in the defence of the country and by the substitution of British officers by Indian officers, Dominion Status can have no meaning", and that the controversy about complete independence and Dominion Status "can be put an end to only by granting Dominion Status to India". But the absence of any time limit for these reforms rob the suggestions of much of their practical value. Mr. Amery may well reply that he entirely accepts the suggestions and that he is already moving along those lines as fast as circumstances permit. But if Britain is really serious about understanding the Liberal attitude, moderate as it is, she may remind herself of the principal resolution adopted by the Liberal Federation at Calcutta only a few weeks ago. That resolution stated "inter alia": "The National Liberal Federation of India strongly dissents from the recent statement of H. E. Viceroy that the British Government can do nothing more than they have already done to enable India to enjoy Dominion Status and urges that it should be immediately announced that India will be accorded the status and functions of a dominion within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster within a period not exceeding two years after the conclusion of war. The National Liberal Federation of India is further of the view that in the meanwhile the Central Government should be so reconstituted as to have by convention a fully national character. The Viceroy should be its constitutional head and that British Government should not ordinarily interfere with any policy that has the support of such an executive and the Central Legislature. The portfolios of Defence and Finance should be entrusted to non-official Indians enjoying the confidence of the country". These demands do not go far enough but they constitute a substantial improvement on the present situation. Perhaps Government say these are mere resolutions. If they do so, it is doubtless something for the Liberals to think about. But Government may rest assured that there are millions in India who are not going to be content with mere resolutions on independence.

Prohibition And Law

The High Court's refusal to give leave to the Bombay Government to appeal to the Federal Court against its opinion about Government's power to enforce prohibition creates a curious position which needs to be clearly understood. The Court has held that even the latest prohibition order of the Government, amending the previous one in the light of the earlier decision of the Court, is technically defective and has expressed a view by way of 'obiter dicta' that, even if the technical defect is removed, a complete prohibition order is 'ultra vires' of the Provincial Legislature. And it has now held that an appeal to the Federal Court cannot be against a mere opinion of such a kind. If Government are serious about safeguarding the prohibition policy laid down by the Legislature, whose powers and obligations they have now assumed, the right legal course for them is to issue a fresh prohibition order removing the technical defects pointed out by the Court and to prosecute persons

violating the order. If the aggrieved parties then refer the matter to the High Court and get as they are likely to do, a verdict in their favour, it will then be possible for Government to appeal to the Federal Court against a definite verdict as distinct from mere 'obiter dicta'. There is no disrespect to the High Court in this procedure as it is meant only to smooth the way for a final authoritative legal decision.

The Federal Court's decision, one way or other, will definitely settle a vexed legal question. If the decision is that the Province has the power to enforce complete prohibition, well and good. If not, the Government of India Act will have to be immediately modified so as to give the Province the necessary powers. If, however, Government indefinitely take shelter behind legal difficulties and sabotage whatever progress has been made in prohibition, they will only create for themselves a fresh crop of troubles the seriousness of which it is impossible to exaggerate.

A War Pamphlet On India

The war has given rise to a plentiful crop of propagandist literature. Among the more recent contributions to it may be mentioned the series of ten pamphlets on British Life and Thought, published by Longmans Green and Company for the British Council. The first in the series is entitled "The British Commonwealth" and is written by A. Berridale Keith, a well-known authority on the Constitution of the British Empire. With admirable conciseness the author packs in a booklet of 56 pages a good deal of information on the

growth of the Empire, its present organization and the constitution of its various members. The limits of the book compel him to state for the most part bare facts as in a geography of the Empire. A footnote in the section on India States: "In several provinces Ministries resigned in November 1939, pending agreement between the Congress Party and the British Government as to further constitutional advance. The difficulty is that the Moslems, the depressed classes among the Hindus and others are hostile to responsible Govern-

ment under a Congress majority, and the British Government cannot ignore minority rights". It is not clear if the author is himself responsible for this half-truth and misleading footnote. It is probably not an oversight that the booklet makes no mention of the Congress offer to accept the safeguards stipulated by the minorities themselves at a Constituent Assembly and to refer all disputes to arbitration.

Four Lithuanian refugees, recently arrived in Sweden in the open boat in which they made their escape, tell a story of what is happening in Lithuania under Soviet rule which flatly contradicts the official Moscow-inspired news of life in that country broadcast to the world.

These Lithuanians describe their country as a veritable Russian province. Bolshevization has been fundamental, and carried through to the last extreme. According to the latest calculations, more than 3,000 Lithuanians have, since the occupation, been forced to make one journey across the border into Russia—a journey from which there is no return. "Nationalization" of industry and of other private undertakings has been fully carried out, and during the present month all land will be handed over to the state.

Public instruction has been transformed, law and theological faculties being dissolved, while priests' allowances and parochial property have been confiscated. Careful instructions for the mobilization of all men of military age have been issued. Arrests and house-to-house searches have become a regular nightly feature of the new life, with the newspapers publishing each morning columns of names of persons punished for some offence or another. Many suicides are occurring.

All traces of the free Lithuania and its Government have disappeared, for now the only law of the land is handed out by the Russian legation and the three members of the new Ministry who formerly belonged to the Central Committee of the Communist Party. These are Minister of Interior Gedvilis, Minister of Agriculture Mizkis, and Minister of Public Health Kogan. Clearly neither President of the Ministry

and Acting Minister of State Palezkis nor Foreign Minister Mickevicius have any influence on policy. Palezkis is a former journalist from Riga who was imported when the new regime, Moscow-controlled, was to be set up on July 15th, and not enough qualified native Communists could be found to fill up the posts. Mickevicius, on the other hand, is a professor whose chief concern has been Belles-Lettres. In similar fashion the direction of the police force as well as of the army has been turned over to what amounts to Russian hands. The Communist Sniezkus has been named Chief of Police. He is of Lithuanian descent, but was brought up in the Soviet Union. Chief of the Fifth Corps of the Red Army, Major General Baltusis-Zemaitis, has been placed at the head of the "Lithuanian" army.

Mass arrests and deportations have taken place uninterruptedly since the change of regime. The former ruling class has been carefully sifted, the flower of the country's intellectuals are being deported, and every day the trains for Moscow are jammed with prisoners. Among 3,000-odd Lithuanians who have thus been forced to leave the country are found, beside all former members of the Government and the Deputies, all journalists and all reserve officers. Other officers are in general confined to their quarters, where they are kept under strict surveillance. But many of them have committed suicide. The best known political leaders and their families have been deported. Many members of the Lithuanian Police force have fled over the border into Germany. Everyone in fact, who had formerly worked for a free Lithuania has been removed, even well-known Social Democratic labour leaders, who have been among those shipped off to Moscow. Thus, for exam-

ple, an old jurist, who had backed the cause of labour his whole life, and who, because of his friendly attitude toward labour had been imprisoned in Tzarist Russia, was dragged from his home and packed off with the others.

★ Socialization can now be considered complete, but that does not mean the end of troubles for the population. Every day new and more stringent regulations are passed. All factories and businesses employing more than 20 workers have already been taken over by the State, and shopkeepers are only allowed to keep their stores when they are so small that they can be run single-handed.

As for the peasants, those who owned less than 30 hectares were permitted to keep their property at the beginning, but now the regulations have been so changed that the peasants have only the right to use their land. Furthermore, in contradiction to the first proclamations, all property with buildings on it must deliver up its live and dead stock. Trading activity in certain categories of goods is very closely restricted. Certain wares, as, for example, clothes, shoes, stockings, watches, etc., are practically bought out by the Russians. Shops are required to stay open, and heavy penalties are provided for any shopkeeper caught hiding goods or raising his prices above official rates, but every day the papers list many offenders. Punishment is meted out arbitrarily by the Commissars, and consists of imprisonment and fines up to as much as \$10,000.

In the cultural realm a policy of "Gleichschaltung" is proceeding just as rapidly as in the economic and social aspects of life. Methods of instruction have been entirely changed over and Mar-

xist-Leninist subjects have taken a dominant place throughout the educational system, from grammar school to university. Russian has been introduced as a required course, and Russian textbooks are distributed free. Suppression of religion is being systematically carried through, and besides the liquidation of theological schools and seizure of all church property, religious services and all other religious programmes have been forbidden on the radio. Services are still permitted in the churches, but all monasteries in Lithuania have been closed.

The only newspapers that are permitted to appear are the former "Lietuvos Aidas" (Lithuanian Echo), now called "Darbo Balsas" (Voice of Labour); and the newly founded party organ "Tiesa" (Truth).

Plea For Indian Chief For Karachi Port Trust

KARACHI, Jan. 15.—An earnest request for the appointment of an Indian from amongst non-officials or officials for the post of Chairman of the Karachi Port Trust in succession to Col. D. S. Johnstone who is due to retire shortly, has made by the Karachi Buyers and Shippers Chamber to the Secretary, Government of India Communications Department.

The Committee add that Indianisation of this post is overdue and that Government should give effect to it now in pursuance of their settled policy of Indianisation of higher port trust services and their promises and assurances given in the past.

The Chamber concludes with the hope that the precedent set up in 1938 when an Indian was appointed as Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, will be followed in the case of Karachi. —A. P.

Co-operative Movement In Punjab

By KHAN MOHAMMAD BASHIR AHMAD

The Co-operative movement in the Punjab is as old as the Co-operative Societies' Act of 1904. But the real progress dates from the passing of the Co-operative Societies' Act II of 1912. The expansion in the beginning was naturally slow, but in recent years the movement has made tremendous advance. There are now about 25,000 societies of all kinds, with a membership of 10 lakhs and a working capital of Rs. 18 crores. 50 per cent of the villages have a co-operative society.

Different forms of co-operative societies have been established in the Province, but credit societies preponderate. There are 17,095 societies of this kind. The number of their members is 5,36,501. These societies advanced Rs. 112 lakhs to loans to their members last year.

The criticism often levelled at the co-operative movement in this country is that credit has been developed at the expense of other activities. But the criticism overlooks the fact that in a country in which most people are in debt and live in villages, the ordinary village credit society has an importance and a power for good out of all proportion to its size and far greater than that of any other type of society. It is no wonder that the main want of the agriculturist in the Province, as in the rest of India, is still easy but controlled credit.

★ ★ ★ One of the most outstanding achievements of the Co-operative Movement in the Punjab has been the Consolidation of Land Holdings. The Punjab is a province of peasant proprietors. Holdings are small and scattered over a vast area. Over 55 per cent of the cultivators cultivate less than 5 acres. Therefore, the importance of Consolidation as an indispensable condition of agricultural

progress can never be over-emphasized. This most difficult, useful and interesting experiment was started in this province in 1921 by the formation of Co-operative Consolidation of Land Holding Society, the objects of which are to promote the economic interests of their members by beneficial re-arrangement of holdings and to prevent loss and waste by fragmentation.

There are now 1,477 societies. The area consolidated last year was 1,57,211 acres, and this beats the records of all previous years. 2,17,772 blocks were reduced to 31,687 blocks. The total area consolidated in the whole province so far is 10,76,034 acres. The effects of this have been far-reaching. Government revenues have increased, litigation and quarrels have decreased, rents have risen, out-turn of crops has improved, waste land has been cultivated and dry land brought under irrigation.

Since Consolidation was started, 5,000 new wells have been sunk and 900 wells have been repaired, and in one district alone 763 acres of land have been converted from unculturable waste to culturable one last year.

There are now 1318 Better Living Societies, with a membership of 63,000. Their original object was to induce their members to curtail the ruinous expenditure imposed by customs on occasions of births, marriages and deaths and other domestic ceremonies. But, their scope of work has been extended and now they have in their potential range the whole field of rural reconstruction and the general raising of the standard of living.

One of the causes of the poverty of the Punjab peasant is litigation. Co-operation tries to stop litigation by means of Arbitration societies, which are an exceptional contribution made by the Punjab to the stock of co-operative ideas. Members pledge themselves to bring all their disputes, of which a Civil Court could take cognizance, before the committee of the society for conciliation, if possible, and for final arbitration by selected local arbitrators if the committee cannot themselves settle the question.

★ ★ ★ Better Farming Societies have been formed to get their members better informed about the political nature and geographical ex-

Frankly Speaking

Nazis And Bulgaria

After a very brief interval the Balkan situation is again in the news. While General Antonescu is having his secret audience of von Ribbentrop and possibly the Führer himself, the Free French Agency reports increasing arrivals of fresh German troops in Rumania. The military occupation of Rumania—already a virtual protectorate—by the Nazis is not, however, so important as the position of Bulgaria. It would appear that in spite of King Boris, M. Filoff and M. Popoff, Germany threatens to change it drastically. Turkish newspapers have again begun to contemplate the possibility of Bulgaria giving passage to German troops and have reiterated the warning as regards the consequences. More significant still is the fact that, while broadcasting Bulgarian denial of the presence of German troops, the Moscow Radio has thought fit to repeat that if German troops have entered Bulgaria they have done so without the knowledge or consent of Russia. This means that the Russians are not satisfied with the situation and fear serious developments. It, however, remains to be seen if the Nazis take this hint of Soviet concern and disapproval and withdraw, let us say, their tourists and commercial travellers from Bulgaria.

Outspoken Denunciation

Testifying before the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee in support of the "Aid To Britain" Bill, Mr. Cordell Hull made a statement which was unprecedented in its outspoken denunciation and exposure of the aims of Totalitarian Powers, particularly Japan. Germany and Italy are more or less silent, but Japan has reacted through her newspapers which have indulged in an outburst of wrath and threat. So far as the "Aid To Britain" Bill is concerned, its passage is not going to be affected by Japanese threats. Indeed, if possible, these threats may even strengthen the ranks of its supporters—inclined as it is interesting to note that even Mr. Henry Ford is now in favour of full support to Britain. The Bill is sure to pass into law with, of course, certain modification and after the necessary "counter-attacks" by the Opposition which has rallied well but cannot stand before the united forces of President Roosevelt and Mr. Wendell Willkie.

On War Path?

But Japan's antics of defiance now deserve some more serious attention. Significant meetings—all the more significant now that the political nature and geographical ex-

tent of the "New Order" have been defined—are continuing to take place and announced publicly. The latest is a meeting between representatives of the Cabinet and of the High Command. Against the background of newspaper threats and references to Anglo-American "encirclement" of Japan, these activities suggest preparations for war. But they may yet end merely as a bluff that failed. For, we believe that Japan, unless forced irresistibly by her Allies, will not go to war with Britain and America until, at any rate, she has arranged a Pact with Russia. It appears that she is making renewed attempts to do so, and it is prepared to pay the Soviet a high price for it, too. But, notwithstanding valuable concessions, Russia can accept Japan's terms only by betraying China and by accepting Japanese supremacy over the whole country and specially over the Northern Provinces. We cannot see how Russia can accept such a position.

The Vital Theatre

The announcement that the cruiser "Southampton" has had to be destroyed shows that the Luftwaffe did not do so badly in their first appearance in the Mediterranean. And it was the "Illustrious" which, of course, took them to Malta on Wednesday last but, as the reports reveal, without success. But whatever their first achievement and, however warm they may make the Straits or Sicily for the British, they cannot make themselves felt in what is the vital theatre of war, namely, Cyrenaica. The capture of Tobruk is, let us hope, a matter of days, after which that of Benghazi ought not to take more than a couple of weeks. Then, with Cyrenaica in British occupation it will be the R. A. F. that will make it hot for the Luftwaffe in Sicily.

A Gruesome Story

A shocking story comes from the village of Baripur, eighteen miles from Calcutta. A sixty-year old Hindu woman suffering from malignant malaria became unconscious and her neighbours, believing her to be dead, removed her to the Burning Ghat for cremation. "When the body was placed on the funeral pyre," says the Associated Press message, "to the amazement of everyone around, she suddenly got up. The mourners convinced that the body was possessed of an evil spirit, ran away and some of them later returned to deal lathi blows causing injuries to her head." The woman has since been removed to the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta, and several members of the funeral party are reported to have been arrested. There is no rea-

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★ ★ ★ Mr. Jinnah has assured Christians that "it is the cardinal policy of the All-India Muslim League to see that every interest of the minorities is safeguarded fully."

Does he propose graciously to grant them a Christianistan? By the way, what about Sikhistan?

★ ★ ★ The Bengal Government have ordered that there should be no mention of the alleged "Black Hole Tragedy" as a historical fact in text books, says a report. So far so good. But we do hope Mr. Fazlul Haq doesn't mean that it should be mentioned as historical fiction, complete with the origin, originator, aims and objects, etc. of the fiction.

★ ★ ★ Prince Umberto, the Crown Prince of Italy, has been promoted to the rank of a General, says a report.

Signor Mussolini's intentions seem to be obvious since the main duty of an Italian General nowadays is to get himself captured by the British.

★ ★ ★ "MARE NOSTRUM"—WHOSE? asks a headline.

ANSWER:—
(1) Britain's, weather permitting,
(2) Germany's, Britain permitting, and then perhaps,
(3) Italy's, Germany permitting.

★ ★ ★ Herr Hitler's own paper, the "Völkischer Beobachter", says the people of the British Isles are being kept under the nervous strain of a threatened invasion. This sounds to us like a wise promise, by the Führer that he wouldn't go West.

★ ★ ★ The Moscow Radio has thought it necessary to repeat the denial that Russia had consented to the movement of German troops into Bulgaria.

Is there an undeclared and private war of nerves in progress between Germany and Russia? ★ ★ ★ A Moscow report discusses the difficulties of a Soviet-Japanese Pact.

This almost makes us anxiously wonder whether something sensational is in the offing and whether we shall, after all, have to pity poor China.

★ ★ ★ "The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley gave a small Cocktail Party at Government House on Thursday"—News Item.

Not the cocktail we hope? ★ ★ ★

The head of the firm was frowning over a letter. Calling for his chief clerk, he said: "That typist—you certainly didn't engage her on account of her grammar!" "Grammar?" said the other. "When you were emphasizing the importance of grammar—well, I thought you said 'glamour'!"

son to doubt that what happened was in good faith, but what a horrid and shocking thing that there should be people, so ignorant and superstitious in India who would deal lathi blows to a sixty-year old woman, who is lying on a funeral pyre. It is the most gruesome story that has come our way in recent times.

A Nation-Building Programme

Presiding over a Social Service Conference at Calcutta the other day, Sir P. C. Ray paid a deserved tribute to the efficacy of the constructive programme of the Congress in the regeneration of the country. But while emphasizing the "nation-building" value of the programme, he added that there might be an honest difference of opinion as regards its political result. If the programme is a nation-building one, it has, for that very reason, great political value in the best sense of the term. Referring to the service of the poor villagers and of Harijans in particular, Acharya Ray remarked that "to serve them was to serve God and to neglect them was sin." Yet the item of the removal of untouchability still fails to receive the attention it deserves.

"We Are Now At War", Says American Ex-Admiral

Lease And Lend Bill

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CHANGED PUBLIC OPINION
An indication of the swing that has already taken place in American opinion on the subject of naval affairs was given by the latest Gallup poll. It shows that whereas 84 per cent opposed American ships entering the war zone when the war began, only 42 per cent would now object to American ships and American crews being used to carry war materials to Britain if Britain were not able to take them herself.

HITLER'S DEFEAT FIRST OBJECTIVE

Declaring "we are at war now," Admiral Yates Stirling Junior, a retired United States Naval Officer, urged in a speech at the University of Illinois that the American Fleet should be concentrated in the Atlantic to convey war material to Britain.

Admiral Stirling prophesied a mass German and Italian attack on the British navy similar to the battle of Jutland.

"The British navy can withstand such an onslaught provided it has sufficient aeroplane protection. This America is planning to give, but it is not enough that we merely build planes. They must arrive in England. Here is a definite task for the Atlantic Fleet."

Urging that the defeat of Hitler must be their first objective, Admiral Stirling said, "If we become too involved now in the Pacific, we shall be playing into the hands of Hitler. Anything Japan takes now, can be retaken if England wins."

WILKIE CHALLENGES SOCIALIST LEADER

Wendell Wilkie in a broadcast speech challenged Mr. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, for his opposition to President Roosevelt's bill to aid Britain. Mr. Wilkie said, "We shall not preserve this great standard of living in America by withdrawing within ourselves. It is only in expanding trade, in opening world markets and in the peace that will come after the crushing of the dictatorships that America can go to its true development."

U. S. To Build 200 Merchant Ships

President Roosevelt has formally asked the Congress for authority to build a fleet of 200 merchant ships "on emergency basis." He has also asked for the appropriation of 213 million dollars to cover the cost.

President Roosevelt made the request in a message to the Congress in which he said: "I am confident that national interests demand that immediate steps should be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

Ships May Be Lent To Britain
President Roosevelt's message added that emergency ship construction should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range ship-building programme, which the United States Maritime Commission was already pushing forward nor with naval construction. There has been some speculation whether these new ships might be lent to Britain or replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain.

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Japanese Press Barrage

A Tokyo message states:—"A heavy editorial barrage" as the Japanese Domei Agency describes it—is laid down in the Tokyo Press to-day against the evidence given by Mr. Cordell Hull before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. Under the heading "Hull's distorted testimony," the "Yomiuri Shimbun" calls Mr. Hull's declaration that the United States had at no time threatened Japan "the most amazing tongue-in-the-cheek statement ever made by any statesman in any part of the world which had been brought to our attention."

More U. S. Ships For Britain?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. The question whether more United States naval ships should be transferred to Britain has assumed major proportions owing to the remarks by the Secretary for War, Mr. Stimson before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday.

Mr. Stimson's observations are at variance with the known views of the Secretary of the Navy Col. Knox who appears before the Committee to-day.

In the course of his evidence Mr. Stimson said that the essence of the President's plan was that the United States should become virtually the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war materials produced in the United States.

There would thus be constituted one great funnel through which all such material would flow. "We shall then be in a position to apportion these munitions among ourselves and other democracies whose defence is important to us."

The Committee's hearings will now be continued throughout next week instead of closing to-day.

The retiring Ambassador to Britain Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Wendell Wilkie are amongst the many prominent men who will be heard.

INTER-AMERICAN DEFENCE PLANS

U. S. And Mexico To Open Negotiations

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. The United States and Mexico are to open negotiations with the object of forging a stronger bond of "neighbour" friendship and establishing close collaboration in inter-American defence plans according to messages from Washington.

Negotiations will start immediately after President Roosevelt's inauguration, it is stated. By reaching a satisfactory settlement of all problems between them, United States' officials hope to lay the foundations for a far-reaching programme of military and economic co-operation, possibly on the pattern of the pact with Canada.

One proposal for discussion according to these resources will be the construction by Mexico of enlarged naval bases at Magdalena Bay and Acapulco for the protection of the Panama Canal and possibly at two points in the Gulf



Italian Prisoners waiting for the ship.

of Mexico with funds lent by the United States.—Reuter.

"Herald Tribune" On Aid To Britain

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. "We do not believe that the British Government should be treated as a potential pauper and subjected to the means test," declares the "New York Herald Tribune" in a leading article on financial aid to Britain.

The newspaper adds, "It is in the interest of this country no less than that of Britain that the latter should be presented financially intact as a going concern."—Reuter.

"MENDOZA'S" NEW ATTEMPT TO RUN BRITISH BLOCKADE

Friendly Discussions Between Britain And Uruguayan Govt.

MONTE VIDEO, Jan. 17. The French steamer, "Mendoza," which left Punta Del yesterday afternoon in another attempt to run the British blockade, has been sighted two miles off Rio Grande Do Sul.

The British auxiliary cruiser, "Asturias" was also sighted in the same latitude on the horizon.

The "Mendoza" can cling to the Brazilian coast as far north as Natal when she must turn out to sea and make a dash across the Atlantic.

Friendly discussions which have taken place in Monte Video between the British Minister and the Uruguayan Government over the searching of the "Mendoza" by the British auxiliary cruiser have resulted in the matter being amicably settled, it is learned in London by "Reuters".

Correspondent. There was no formal protest by the Uruguayan Government as had been suggested in some quarters. The matter was merely brought to the attention of the British authorities who tendered satisfactory explanation that the search might have been made in Uruguayan waters.—Reuter.

NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. Mr. John G. Winant, former Director of the International Labour Office at Geneva, has been selected by President Roosevelt as Ambassador to Great Britain in succession to Mr. Kennedy. It is learned from sources close to the president, states a Washington message to the "New York Times".—Reuter.

HITLER AND MUSSO NOT MEETING

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CAIRO, Jan. 17. G.H.Q. communicate states no change in situation. On all fronts active patrolling continues.—Reuter.

Artists Receive War Bonds As Prizes!

Bombay Art Society's Exhibition Opened By Governor; 421 Pictures Hung This Year

BOMBAY, Friday. Four hundred and twenty-one pictures, comprising of water-colours, pastels and oils, sixty-seven photographs, twenty-seven pieces of sculpture and thirteen architectural designs, were exhibited at the Town Hall to-day, when the Governor of Bombay opened the fiftieth exhibition of the Bombay Art Society. The Society's gold medal for the best work of the year was awarded to Mr. N. S. Bendre for a series of six water-colours he had sent to the exhibition.

patrons, not only in India but in many parts of the world. ARTISTS AND WAR EFFORT The Governor in declaring open the exhibition said:—"I welcome very warmly the decision of your Society to give all prizes in the shape of Interest-Free Bonds or Postal Cash Certificates, and I feel certain that every prize-winner will feel gratified that in addition to producing a work of art he is also making a contribution, however small, to the speedy termination of the war."

"An art exhibition has often been described as an 'artists' shop window'. I welcome, therefore, the picture salon which has recently been opened in this city in which to give facilities to artists throughout the whole year for displaying their works."

MINIATURES "It has been suggested that our artists should go back to the old traditions for their inspiration and revive the art of miniature painting. Many of the miniatures of former days beautifully depict the folklore of the people, their domestic and village life, and in some cases serve as documentary records of the period in which those artists lived. There is no lack of such subjects and many of the everyday sights we see around us, such as the village potter, the weaver and the metal workers, remind us of the miniatures of the past centuries. Perhaps in any revival to-day in miniature painting it may be possible for the contemporary artists to provide us with a new conception, still maintaining the delicacy of a past age."

"Art is an ever-changing evolutionary process and experiment must be made. Artists must be allowed to leave the beaten well-tried track, and the outcome of such adventures should lead to new conceptions of beauty and in the case of Indian art particularly, these conceptions must never lose sight of the glorious traditions of India's culture greatness. Lady Lumley gave away the prizes. The following are the prize winners.

The Society's Gold Medal for the best work in the Exhibition, Mr. N. S. Bendre. Silver Medals, Mr. V. P. Date, Mr. G. Goswami, Miss Indumati Sathe, Mr. N. B. Cooper. Bronze Medals, Mr. B. D. Shirgaonkar, Mr. A. Millet, Mr. M. T. Bhople, Mr. K. K. Hebbar, Mr. R. Grahame Mervyn, Mr. D. R. Halkar, Mr. N. J. Naiwalla.

Cash prizes from Rs. 25 to Rs. 250 were awarded to the following:— Mr. D. B. Jog, Mr. N. S. Bendre, Mr. R. M. Paleja, Miss Kamalini Marathe, Mrs. Cumi H. Dalas, Mr. N. N. Patkar, Miss Rati Pett, Mr. M. Y. Kulkarni, Mr. D. J. Shetty, Mr. A. M. Jamil, Mr. V. A. Mali, Mr. C. M. Nigudkar, Miss Mary Mullen, Mr. S. S. Hammond, Mr. Kanu Desai, Mr. T. Pancholi, Mr. F. E. Banbury, Mr. S. L. Haldankar, Mr. K. H. Ara, Mr. D. D'Sylva, Mr. N. G. Fansare, Mr. V. V. Leyden, Mr. K. D. Tripathi, Miss Sheroo D. Sidhwa, Mr. D. D'Sylva, Mrs. Meg-

Invasion Bases Bombed

Daylight Raid By R. A. F.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

British Bombers are reported to have carried out a daylight attack this afternoon on German invasion bases on the French coast. The raid reported follows exactly a week after British bombers and fighters had made the first daylight sweep over Pas de Calais region of France which was believed to herald the start of a new daylight offensive on German-occupied territory.

Raid On Wilhelmshaven

Fires reaching "very large proportions" were started by R.A.F. bombers in Thursday night's raid on Wilhelmshaven according to an Air Ministry Communique issued this afternoon. The communique says "Severe icing conditions and electrical storms last night did not prevent R.A.F. bombers from once again making the naval base of Wilhelmshaven their main objective though the attack was on a smaller scale than on the previous night and highly successful results were achieved. The aircraft first on the scene caused many fires and later arrivals reported that these had reached very large proportions especially in the area of a railway station and oilstorage tanks. Many explosions were seen. Other aircraft attacked docks at Emden, Boulogne and Calais, the railway junction at Ostend and an aerodrome in occupied France. From all these operations five of our aircraft are missing.

R.A.F. RENDERS MANY ENEMY PLANES UNSERVICEABLE Eighty-seven Italian planes lie rotting at the vast Italian aerodrome of El Aden in Libya, states the Air Ministry News Service. Most of them have been rendered unserviceable by R.A.F. attacks and finally fired by retreating Italians.

In one hangar alone were 22 burnt out skeletons of planes. The huge aerodrome, now desolate, had been made by the Italians a very comfortable base with up-to-date kitchens, shower-baths, billiard tables, tennis and badminton courts.

BRITISH FLEET CAN'T BE CONQUERED BY ENEMY PLANES

Italian claims regarding British losses in Friday's Mediterranean battle are still being made in Rome wireless, but outside Italy, they receive no credence. In Russia, for example, they are ignored, and the "Tud" commenting on action finds in it confirmation of view that the British fleet could not be conquered by enemy planes. This view is apparently shared by well-known naval authorities in Germany.

Captain von Wabdeyer Hardy, German naval historian, writing in the "Muenchener Nachrichten" declares, "I fully adhere to the views expressed in the report by the United States Senate Maritime Commission that an island people cannot be beaten so long as it has supremacy at sea."

INEUNU RECEIVES BRITISH MILITARY MISSION

ANKARA, Jan. 17. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, Governor of the British Empire and Air Vice-Marshal Elmhurst, who are conducting conversations with the Turkish General Staff, were received by President Inonu on Thursday afternoon. The British Ambassador and the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu were also present.

The British officers had their first formal meeting with Turkish Staff officers yesterday and it is expected that there will be another meeting to-morrow.—Reuter.

da Nachman, Mr. Y. K. Sukla, Mr. A. P. Kanvinde, Mr. N. N. Patkar, Mr. S. M. Ross, Mr. F. Berko, Mr. B. F. Ferriera, Mr. J. N. Unwalla, Mr. J. C. Engineer, Mr. C. Bartaria and Miss Vanilla Kinarivala.

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Restore Laval

HITLER'S REPLY TO PETAIN

BERLIN, Jan. 17.

After a lull German propaganda is again active about the reconstruction of the Vichy Government and for re-instatement of M. Laval. Neutral correspondents in Berlin are being inspired that Marshal Pétain will appoint an entirely new Government. There is nothing whatever from Vichy on this subject except that an important Cabinet meeting is to be held tomorrow.

HITLER'S REPLY TO PETAIN

Hitler's reply to the personal message which Marshal Pétain had sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday according to the Vichy correspondent of the newspaper "La Suisse."

He says the long-awaited visit of De Brinon, Vichy Representative in Paris to Vichy is expected to take place very soon and it will be followed by a cabinet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations. The correspondent recalls that De Brinon is due to bring Hitler's reply to Marshal Pétain's message.

PRESSURE ON VICHY

LONDON, (By Cable). The "Daily Telegraph" publishes the following cable from the French frontier.

Vichy is being assailed with demands to "explain its attitude and take a decision." Berlin circles complain that the Wilhelmstrasse's reaction to the dismissal of Laval by Marshal Pétain could not be more reserved and discreet and yet it is not appreciated by the men of Vichy.

Vichy, it is contended, must come to a decision on real Franco-German collaboration. The Alsatian organ "Front" which circulates in the region of the Westmark adjoining France discusses the matter openly.

"Vichy must take a decision," it says. It reminds the Vichy rulers that soon after the armistice France agreed to "collaborate loyally" with Germany.

"We want to be told whether such a promise was made under the stress imposed by circumstances," it adds, "or whether it was prompted by firm conviction. The old political system and speculative methods must be brought to an end."

Pro-German observers state that Vichy will have to explain its attitude and give a reply. Berlin circles continue to remind Frenchmen that it must not be forgotten that a "war situation" between both countries still exists and was only provisionally suspended by the signing of the armistice.

Meanwhile yet another reshuffle of the Pétain Government is expected. This time, however, it may lead to a directorate being formed. This would be framed more on military than on civilian lines. The Ministers of the Interior and Labour, M. Peyrountou and M. Bellu, are known to have already signified their ardent wish to resign.

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VINOBA BHAVE MAKES ANTI-WAR SPEECH

Woman Prisoner's Ornaments Taken Away To Recover Fine

LUCKNOW, January 17.

The Ahrars inaugurated Satyagraha to-day in the United Provinces. At Lucknow Munshi Qadr Ali, General Secretary of the U. P. Majlis-e-Ahrar, offered Satyagraha this evening and was arrested. He is being lodged in the Lucknow District Jail.

DELHI ARRESTS

NEW DELHI:—Mohammed Shafi, Leader of Ahrars in Delhi, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules.

Maulana Abdul Kadir was arrested this evening for defiance of the order directing him to report himself to the police station after every four hours and not to leave municipal limits.

Mr. Mohammed Sohail was arrested under the Defence of India Rules.

Mr. Roop Narain was arrested this evening when he offered Satyagraha at Kazi house.

Mr. Jyoti Prasad was arrested at the Gandhi Seva Sangh, Ramtal, under the Defence of India Rules.

In Bombay & Suburbs

Ashok Mehta And Babulal Makharia To Offer Satyagraha To-day

BOMBAY, Friday. Mr. Ashok Mehta of the Congress Socialist Party and Mr. Babulal Makharia, member of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, sent intimation to the Commissioner of Police this morning of their intention to offer Satyagraha in the city to-morrow.

Mr. Ashok Mehta proposes to offer Satyagraha at Vithalbhai Patel Road near Congress House at 8-30 a.m. to-morrow while Mr. Babulal Makharia proposes to offer Satyagraha at 11-45 a.m., near the East India Cotton Association, Kalbadevi Road.

The next batch of Satyagrahis from the city will include Dr. D. D. Sathaye and Mrs. Vasanti N. Shroff who propose to offer Satyagraha at Vithalbhai Patel Road at 9 a.m. on Monday.

In Suburbs

In the Bombay Suburban District, Mr. S. U. Ramachandra Rao and Mr. Hari Senu Revdandker propose to offer Satyagraha to-morrow, the former at Vakola village near Santa Cruz at 9-15 a.m. and the latter at Juhu Tara village near Santa Cruz at 9-15 a.m.

Mr. Balabhai Bhogilal Shah proposes to offer Satyagraha at Gandhi Chowk, Ghatkoper at 8-30 a.m. on Monday.

In Maharashtra:

KOLABA CONGRESSMAN JAILED.

PEN: Mr. Prabhakar Ganesh Pradhan, a prominent Congress worker of Kolaba District, was arrested here after delivering a lecture in a mammoth meeting and afterwards shouting anti-war slogans. He was sentenced by the First Class Magistrate, Pen, to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50, in default of one month's further imprisonment. He was taken to Thana Jail immediately.

In Gujarat:

DHOLKA CONGRESS PRESIDENT GETS 4 MONTHS' S. I.

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 17.—Mr. Mohanlal Mulshankar Bhatt, President of the Dholka Taluka Congress Committee who was arrested at Bhayla, a village of Ahmedabad District while offering satyagraha by shouting anti-war slogans was tried and sentenced to-day to

four months' simple imprisonment.

SATYAGRAHA NEAR SABARMATI ASHRAM

Miss I. Vanmala Parikh, daughter of Mr. Narhari Parikh manager of the Sabarmati Harijan Ashram offered Satyagraha to-day by shouting anti-war slogans at Vadaj village near the Ashram. She was immediately arrested and removed to Sabarmati Central Jail.

SURAT CONVICTIONS.

SURAT: For offering Satyagraha Shrimatis Vasumati Thakor and Kumudini Tivedi from Surat City, Mr. Balakrishna Nakhubhai Shasri from Saras Village of Olpad Taluka, Chhotubhai Gopalji Desai from Puni Village of Bardoli and Thakorabhai Dahanbhai Desai from Ecu Village of Jalalpur Taluka were arrested. They were brought to Surat sub-jail where they were tried and sentenced as follows: Messrs. Shikhubhai, Chhotubhai and Thakorabhai for four months' simple imprisonment and "B" class.

Shrimatis Vasumati and Kumudini were sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 200 and Rs. 150 respectively, or in default two months' and one and half months' simple imprisonment respectively.

Mr. Thakorabhai Desai is the third Satyagrahi from the family of Mr. Dahanbhai Desai of a Erama Village of Jalalpur.

In Kathiawar:

AHMEDABAD: Kathiawar which has upto now been excluded from the scope of "Satyagraha" will now be allowed to offer "Satyagraha" from February, according to the latest information received here.

About 75 names from different towns and villages in Kathiawar have been forwarded to Mahatma Gandhi, and after his approval will be allowed to offer "Satyagraha", one by one from the beginning of February. These persons will come out to British territories from their respective State limits and offer "Satyagraha" there.

Mr. Venilal Buch, Secretary of the Viramgam District Congress, and Mr. U. N. Dhebar, Secretary of the Kathiawar Political Conference, will initiate "Satyagraha" from Kathiawar.—United Press.

In C. P. & Berar:

Vinoba Bhave's Satyagraha

WARDHAGANJ, Jan. 17. Mr. Vinoba Bhave, the first Satyagrahi, who was recently

released after serving a sentence of three months, offered Satyagraha to-day at 9 a.m. at Sevagram by delivering an anti-war speech.

It is stated that if he is not arrested at Sevagram then he will deliver another anti-war speech in Gandhi Chowk at Wardha at 6 p.m. to-day.

Mahatma Gandhi himself accompanied by Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, Mr. Mahadeo Desai, and Mr. Kripalani, General Secretary of the Congress, attended the meeting at Sevagram when Mr. Vinoba Bhave delivered his first anti-war speech.

Before he started his speech, Mr. Bhave was garlanded and then Mahatma Gandhi gave his blessings.

Mr. Vinoba Bhave delivered an anti-war speech at Sevagram in the second phase of Satyagraha this morning at nine.

"All wars must be resisted. World peace is only possible by pursuing the path laid down by Mahatma Gandhi," said Mr. Vinoba Bhave, in the course of his speech at Sevagram this morning.

Mr. Bhave reaffirmed his faith in non-violence in the face of the greatest provocation and in the constructive programme laid down by Mahatma Gandhi, namely, the Charkha, Harijan uplift and Hindu-Muslim unity.

Mr. Vinoba Bhave had not been arrested till mid-day.

SENTENCED TILL RISING OF COURT!

Mr. Mahadeorao Thakre, Vice-President of the Wardha Taluk Board and of the Taluk Congress Committee, was to-day sentenced till the rising of the court and was ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 50. He had offered Satyagraha in Deoli village.

Vinobaji Bhave is delivering another speech this evening if he is not arrested by that time.

ARREST AND CONVICTION

NAGPUR: Mr. H. R. Jaiswal of Satapur (Amraoti Dist.) has been arrested for offering Satyagraha.

Mr. Y. R. Shende of Amraoti has been sentenced till the rising of the court and to a fine of Rs. 100.

Gopalrao Kale, President, Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee who was arrested on January 10 under the Defence of India Rules for a speech delivered by him on December 16 at Tumsar, was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

OVER 3,000 SIGN PLEDGE

One thousand persons have signed the "Satyagraha" pledge from the Nagpur Province. Of these Mahatma Gandhi has already approved 600 names. Two-hundred more names are being submitted to him shortly.

According to a report from Jabalpur 2,133 persons have signed the "Satyagraha" pledge from Mahakoshal.

Mr. Jagjivanrao Kadam, President of the Arvi Town Congress, was arrested this morning for offering "Satyagraha" at Arvi and brought to Wardha Jail.

AT JUBBULPORE.

JUBBULPORE: Mr. Chhedilal Agrawal, Secretary of the Jubbulpore Town Congress Committee, who was arrested after offering Satyagraha at Bejkhadu, fifteen miles from Jubbulpore, last evening, was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment by Mr. N. S. Verma, First Class Magistrate, to-day. He was ordered to be placed in "C" class.

The accused pleaded guilty, but refrained from participating in the trial, which was held without the jail.

The local Bullion Market was partially closed to-day.

Mr. M. K. Chitale, President of the Bilaspur District Congress Committee, was sentenced to-day to six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 150 at Bilaspur, under the Defence of India Rules.

Moulvi Abdul Rauf Naqvi, first Muslim Satyagrahi, in Mahakoshal, was arrested at Raipur for delivering an anti-war speech.

In The U. P.:

TIKA RAM TRIPATHI JAILED

ALLAHABAD.—Mr. Tika Ram Tripathi was sentenced to-day under the Defence of India Rules to 15 months' simple imprisonment.

AT BENARES

BENARES.—Messrs. Jugul Kishore and Bansil Dhar Mishra and Gauri Shankar Misra were arrested on charges of offering Satyagraha.

Messrs. Ram Surat Misra, President of the District Congress Committee and Mutun Bihar were each sentenced to six months' rigorous and fines of Rs. 100, in default two months' further imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules.

To-day's list of Satyagrahis arrested in the United Provinces include:—

LUCKNOW.—Raj Ram Arya, Member, Bhatpur Mandal Congress Committee; arrested at Bhatpur; Sardar Bharat Singh, Vice-President, D. C. C. at Gouhanganj; Lucknow.

FARRUKABAD: Sheikh Abdul Rahman, an old Congress worker and first Muslim Satyagrahi from Farrukabad; arrested at his residence and sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 30.

Pandit Banahari Lal Sharma, President, City Congress Committee and Kunwar Raghu Chandra Singh were arrested.

BALLIA.—Thakur Parmatmanand Singh, Member, P. C. C., sentenced to one year's R.I.

Thakur Bajrang Singh to one year's R.I. and fined Rs. 200.

GORAKHPUR.—Ramsaran Tripathi, Sheobachan Rai and Satyadeo Shastri; arrested at Gorakhpur.

SHAHJAHANPUR: Shrimati Ramrati Agarwal, President, Town Congress Committee, at Garra Bridge.

KONCH: Pandit Prabhu Dayal Dwivedi, Editor of "Virendra" arrested.

UNAO: Shrimati Munni Devi and Shrimati Sevikha Devi were arrested in Unao district yesterday.

According to a report from Fyzabad, Mr. Ganpat Sahai, Chairman of the District Board and Member of the A.I.C.C. who had been charged with delivering prejudicial speeches, has been acquitted by the Sessions Judge, Fyzabad.

SATYAGRAHI ARRESTED

MEERUT:—Shreemati Satyavati who had intimated the District Magistrate of her intention to offer Satyagraha to-day was arrested yesterday at her residence in Muradnagar in the District of Meerut under the Defence of India Rules and brought here and lodged in Meerut Jail.—A.P.

In The Punjab:

700 NAMES SENT UP TO GANDHIJI

LAHORE: A list of seven-hundred "Satyagrahis" from the Punjab has been sent to Mahatma Gandhi for his approval through a special messenger. This includes members of the Provincial Congress, Congress members in Local Bodies and Secretaries and Presidents of District Congress Committees.

The first list of forty "Satyagrahis" which is almost exhausted, comprised members of the Provincial and Central Assemblies and A.I. C. C. members.—United Press.

NEW DELHI: The Conference of the United Provinces Women Students' Federation will be held at Benares on February 1 under the presidency of Miss Padmaja Naidu, daughter of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali will inaugurate the Conference.—United Press.

In Tamil Nad:

ORNAMENTS ATTACHED FOR FINE

MADRAS:—The fine of Rs. 250 imposed on Shrimati Rajam Bharathi (a Satyagrahi prisoner) was recovered yesterday by the police.

Two pairs of gold bangles and two chains valued at about Rs.

The Half-Column "Dim"

The Rev. Cannon Walter Boulton, addressing a congregation in St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, made some poignant remarks, which I commend to the notice of the European community in Bombay and all those who believe they are doing enough about the war from over here. The Rev. Cannon says: "In England the war has cut like a knife through the crust of respectable selfishness. Privilege has gone, and labour and money have been conscripted wholesale by Acts of Parliament. And as though that were not enough people have denied themselves still further; freely and gladly they have put everything they have got—houses, foods, clothes, money and attention—at the disposal of those in need. In fact, they are practising the Christian precept of bearing one another's burdens in a way they have never done before."

"To-night, then, I want us," said the Rev. Boulton, "as a congregation to bind ourselves freely and gladly by a sort of self-denying ordinance for the duration of the war. I want us to do these things: firstly, neither to give nor to accept invitations to large public parties. Those, of course, which we have already accepted, we shall in courtesy attend. But any new ones, we shall decline: secondly, to ration ourselves strictly in food, drink, clothes and pleasure; and, thirdly, as an outward symbol not to dress for dinner."

Although the New Year's Honours List announces the creation of new knights, I am given to understand that these new knights cannot be so called until they are so "dubbed". Thus, you address a man A.B.C. Smith Esq., Kt., but not as Sir Arthur Smith Kt., until the "dubbing" is complete. Which made me a little curious and I consulted a dictionary about the meaning of "dub." I find to my surprise it reads inter alia: "to rub with grease, as leather when curried."

The behaviour of a certain section of the Parsee community at Parsee public meetings is becoming almost a regular feature of such meetings. More regrettable is it that some "ladies" (I have to use the inverted commas) take part in the pandemonium. It is time the community did something to avoid such crude exhibitions, which does the community little good and which confirms my belief that leadership in the community is bankrupt and that, in the absence of effective guidance, the community's resources, mental, physical, financial, are being dissipated in a most shocking manner. The older men, who have so often styled themselves as Parsee leaders should now tell us, what they intend doing about the future of the community.

300—were attached and taken away by the police, from the house of her husband Mr. Raghu-rajah Bharati on a restraint warrant issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

M.L.A. JAILED

VELLORE:—Mr. V. M. Ram-swamy Mudalliar, M.L.A., who was arrested to-day for offering Satyagraha was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200, in default, two months' further imprisonment.

WOMEN SATYAGRAHIS JAILED

MADURA:—Shrimati Akhilan dammal and Shrimati Jayalakshmi Ammal who offered Satyagraha this morning were sentenced by the Additional District Magistrate, to three months' simple imprisonment each.

Shrimati Rengammal who also offered Satyagraha, was charged under Section 253 (1) Cr. P. C. The Magistrate held that she was almost illiterate and repeated the slogans without understanding their implications.—A.P.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Which is the Dumber, Jeff or the Cop?



By BUD FISHER

A. R. P. Training For Municipal Employees

Commissioner On Need For Taking Precautionary Measures Against Enemy Attack

At the Corporation Meeting on Friday, Mr. V. A. Karapurkar moved for recording the letter of the Municipal Commissioner in regard to the measures to be taken for the protection of Municipal properties for public safety against enemy attacks from air or sea. The Municipal Commissioner in his letter stated:

The defence of the City against attacks from the sea or air forms a part of the problem of the defence of India and is clearly beyond the province of Municipal Government. It is for the authorities responsible for the defence of the country to adopt whatever measures are deemed necessary for preventing or resisting such attacks. There are, however, certain matters arising out of the present situation which demand our earnest attention. As in the case of private individuals, I think it is the concern of the Municipal Corporation to look after their own properties and to

take necessary precautions for their protection against a calamity which may overtake us despite the defence of the City by Government. There are besides certain works, such as, clearance of roads, restoration of Municipal public services damaged by attacks from the sea or air, which will have to be carried out promptly by the Municipality. With a view therefore to examine the situation from this point of view I appointed a Committee of Heads of Departments to go into the question fully and to report as to what measures, precautionary as well as otherwise, should be undertaken by the Municipality.

The Committee's recommendations are briefly as under:—

(a) Municipal employees should be trained in A. R. P. work.

(b) Measures should be taken for the protection of such of the Municipal buildings as are used for the up-keep and maintenance of essential services against incendiary as well as high explosive bombs.

(c) Arrangements should be kept ready for the clearance of roads and restoration of essential services, as water, drainage, etc., damaged by attacks from the air.

(d) The Fire Brigade should be strengthened to cope with emergency fires, etc.

On the motion of Mr. N. C. Bharucha the matter was referred to the Works Committee for further consideration.

BUDGET DEBATE.
Debate on budget estimates was then proceeded with. Mr. M. V. Dondre averred that the Property Tax should be diverted to the Bombay Municipality. He suggested the issue of a small brochure giving details regarding financial position of the Bombay Municipality and also to show to the public as to how the Government had taken away revenue to the tune of lakhs of rupees from the Bombay Municipality. He protested against the cut of Rs. 3,40,000 made in the Schools Committee budget. The House then adjourned till Monday.

CHIEF JUSTICE TO OPEN "HELP THE WAR FUND FETE"

(From Our Correspondent).
THANA, Jan. 16.
Sir John Beaumont, the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, has, it is understood, accepted the invitation of the Thana District War Committee, to open on the 20th instant at 5-45 p. m. the "Help The War Fund Fete" on the maidan opposite the Police Headquarters.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

Bombay Govt. Appoint Provincial Committee

The Director of Information, Bombay writes:—
The Government of Bombay has appointed a Provincial Industrial Research Committee for a period of two years in the first instance. Its functions will be to advise the Government in regard to the co-ordination of industrial research work in the Province; new items of industrial research work and the laboratories and agencies in the Province to which they may be allotted; and applications for research grants and the amounts of financial assistance for the conduct of industrial research to be granted in each case.

The Committee is constituted as follows:—
CHAIRMAN: Adviser to the Governor of Bombay in charge of Industries; **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Director of Industries; **MEMBERS:** Principal, Royal Institute of Science Bombay; Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Director, Indian Central Cotton Committee's Technological Laboratory, Matunga; Dr. K. Venkataraman, Head of the Department of Chemical Technology, Bombay University; Mr. B. Sengupta, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Matunga; Bombay; Mr. V. M. Chandavarkar, Mr. Kipliram Vakil, Technical Director of the Tata Chemicals, Limited, Rao Bahadur C. G. Paranjpe; **JOINT SECRETARIES:** Industrial Engineer, Department of Industries, Industrial Chemist, Department of Industries.

The Chairman will have power to co-opt, from time to time such scientists, industrialists Government experts or other private gentlemen as he may consider necessary, to help in the examination of particular problems which may come before the Committee. The Committee is required to hold its meetings in Bombay not less than once in three months.

PATIENT OF COLIC PAIN COMMITS SUICIDE

(From Our Correspondent).
REWA, Jan. 15.
The ghastly spectacle of an almost naked person swinging from an electric light pole at an important crossing in the City met the eyes of the people when they got up in the morning. It appears that the man was suffering from Colic pain for the last several years. He had tried all sorts of medicines but to no purpose. Last night when he got another attack of the malady, he left his house unnoticed by the inmates in the early hours of the morning and ended his life by hanging himself from the pole.

Local Bodies In Bihar

Govt. To Order By-Elections If Congressmen Withdraw "En Bloc"

PATNA, Jan. 17.
Government's reaction to the proposed withdrawal of Congressmen from local bodies, it is understood, will be a merely routine executive procedure. By-elections will be ordered to fill vacant seats from local bodies after the resignation of Congress members. It may be mentioned that according to a recent suggestion finding favour with the Provincial Congress Executive and the Congress Parties in local bodies, Mahatma Gandhi's approval has been sought for an "en bloc" resignation of Congress parties from local bodies.

No reply has been received from Mahatma Gandhi as yet.—A.P.

DEMONSTRATION OF DIVE BOMBING

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.
A flight of air force machines giving a demonstration of dive bombing high level bombing and low level, machine-gunning and bombing of ground forces was recently watched for an hour and a quarter by a group of press correspondents.

The intention was explained to be to illustrate the moral effect on troops of these forms of warfare. Experience, it is said, has shown that the noise produced by the machines in action, the falling bombs and gun fire is out of proportion to the actual casualties, and if troops could be trained to stand the noise for any length of time, much of the terror of bombing attacks might be said to have been mastered.—A.P.

GOVERNOR TO VISIT THANA VILLAGE

(From Our Correspondent).
THANA, Jan. 16.
Sir Roger Lumley the Governor of Bombay is visiting on the 21st instant, Turumbha, a village about nine miles away from Thana. This village has been selected for the visit, as an ideal and model one.

Prior to this engagement, the Governor will, it is understood, visit the "Help the War Fund Fete" on the maidan opposite the Police Headquarters.

Co-operators In Conference
BIG AGENDA FOR TO-DAY'S MEETING

At a joint meeting of the Standing Committees of the All-India Co-operative Institutes' Association and the Indian Provincial Co-operative Banks' Association to be held on Saturday and Sunday (18th and 19th inst.), in the Hall of the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Institute, the following items among others will come up for discussion:—

To consider the necessity of a common co-operative service in each province; to move the Government to exempt co-operative societies from payment of excess profits tax; to consider the effect of the War on the Co-operative Movement in different provinces; to discuss the feasibility of appointing a Committee to enquire into the progress of the movement in all provinces and compile an All-India Co-operative Report; to consider in what ways the Reserve Bank of India ought to help and finance the Rural Credit in different provinces.

What should be the guiding principle in declaring the dividend out of the profits? It seems various principles are followed at Punjab, Madras, etc., while in fact one uniform principle ought to be adopted, at all places throughout India?

This Assembly of Co-operators expresses its profound sympathy with all those Co-operators who have been deprived of their freedom and right to carry on their co-operative activities, and whose countries today are suffering under the domination of the forces of aggression which occupy their territories; declares its conviction that the Co-operative System provides the best basis for a World Settlement; calculated to ensure freedom, security, social justice, and Universal Peace; and calls upon all Co-operators and Co-operative Organisations to exert their force and influence to secure the restoration of full human rights, and the inauguration of a new era of Peace based upon the Co-operative Principles of Free Association, Democratic Government, and equitable distribution of the resources of the world.

The All-India Co-operative Institutes' Association should make all possible endeavours to impress upon the minds of the people of the world, with the help of similar organisations in other countries, that all the devastating and monstrous Wars which the world witnesses are due to want of genuine spirit of co-operation among the people of all climes and countries and that co-operative organisations all over the world should consider it their primary duty not only to develop genuine spirit of co-operation among their own members but also among those who are still outside the fold of the Co-operative Movement with the object of killing all spirit of antagonism, which is the root cause of all ruinous Wars.

What steps should be taken to encourage women to take active part in the co-operative movement. (b) Consideration of the proposal to give special seats to women of the governing bodies of Provincial Co-operative Banks, Central Co-operative Banks and other Co-operative Institutions.

To improve the financial condition of the cultivators a multi-purpose society is to be started within the area of every Central Bank which will also serve as the sale and supply society of the members' produce within the

BURNING 'GHAT' SENSATION

"Dead" Woman Springs Surprise On Mourners

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.
A sixty-year old Hindu woman of the village of Barripur, 18 miles from here, has been admitted into the Medical College Hospital after an extraordinary sequence of circumstances. It is stated that the woman who had been suffering from malignant malaria suddenly became unconscious and her neighbours, believing her to be dead, removed her to the burning "ghat" for cremation. When the body was placed on the funeral pyre, the woman, to amazement of everyone around, suddenly got up. The mourners were convinced that the body had been possessed of an evil spirit and they ran away. Some of them, however, soon returned and dealt lathi blows on the body causing multiple injuries on the woman's head.

Meanwhile, the story had spread throughout the village and the local police appeared on the scene and took charge of the woman. She was immediately sent to Calcutta for treatment under a police escort.

Several members of the funeral party are reported to have been arrested.—A.P.

High Court
ACCUSED TO HANG FOR MURDER

Woman's Skull Produced In Court

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Kania and a Special Jury)
Emperor v. (1) Painsdasa Abdul Rahim and (2) Gulistan Mahomed, Accused. Painsdasa, a 50-year old Arab woman, who was a prostitute, resided in a room on the 2nd floor of a house at Bhandal St., Durgin. On 21st July 1940, the police received information that there was no response whatever from her room. A policeman went up to her room and peeping through a crack he saw a pool of blood. The door was forced open by the police and the old woman was found dead—her body being discovered under a bundle of clothes with 15 injuries. Inside the room were also found a pair of red ladies' shoes, a pair of black gents' shoes, an umbrella and a Pashan cap with a "pugni" on it, as well as a crude weapon known as the "Khurdum" with a lead knob, and it was with these materials that Dy. Inspector Hampson started investigation. The investigation ultimately culminated in the arrest of the first accused at the police station and of the second accused (who was his wife) at the G. T. Hospital, where she was under treatment for fractures on her left leg.

Further investigation revealed that the second accused had gone to the pictures with the deceased on the night previous to the alleged murder and that in the early hours of 21st July she had been seen near the building occupied by the deceased and the prosecution alleged that she could be identified "inter alia" by the injury to her leg. The first accused also was on visiting terms with the deceased and some of the articles found in the room were proved to belong to him. Both the accused were charged with murder under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

Claiming to be tried, the accused pleaded "not guilty" to the charge levelled against them and stated that they could have had no motive for murdering the old Arab woman.

48 WITNESSES.
The hearing of the case lasted for over a fortnight in the course of which 48 witnesses were examined. The novel point in the case was that the skull of the deceased woman, whose unnatural death was alleged to have been caused by strangulation and concussion, was produced in Court with a view to proving that the edge of the lead knob of the crude weapon found by the police in the flat of the deceased woman fitted into the depression on a certain part of her skull. There was not a single eye-witness to the alleged murder and the evidence in the case was entirely circumstantial.

In summing up the case for the Jury His Lordship addressed them on the weighing of circumstantial evidence. His Lordship stated that the test to be satisfied before an accused can in such cases be convicted was that the circumstances proved in evidence were so strong as to be inconsistent with the innocence of the accused.

The Jury returned a unanimous verdict in respect of both the accused. It found the first accused guilty of murder, but came to the conclusion that the second accused was not guilty either of murder or of abetment of murder.

His Lordship passed the capital sentence of death on the first accused. The second accused, who was his wife, was acquitted and discharged.

The Advocate-General Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with Mr. E. B. Ghawalla, instructed by the Public Prosecutor, Mr. N. K. Petigrah, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. M. T. Kaderbhai with Mr. E. M. Pereira defended the first accused. Mr. B. D. Bhovhariwala defended the second accused.

Breach Of Trust Case
Accused Acquitted
Holding that the prosecution had not proved beyond reasonable doubt the charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 1,585 preferred against them, the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, acquitted H. R. Berde and G. L. Grant. The accused and N. Phiroze were charged with criminal breach of trust at the instance of Mr. Suba Rao, Director of the Uduppi Electric Supply Corporation and the accused were alleged to have misappropriated the amount as the agents of the U. E. S. Corporation. About 2 months back Phiroze committed suicide.

The Magistrate stated that he did not want to condemn a dead man beyond stating that he was responsible for the offence and that he used the two accused as instruments. As there was no evidence to show that the accused had misappropriated the amount, the Magistrate acquitted the accused.

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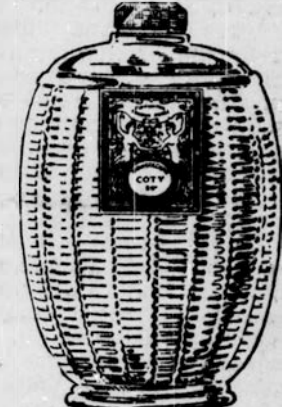
KARACHI, Jan. 17.
Dr. Choitram P. Gidwani, on his return from Wardha after seeing Mahatma Gandhi, in an interview to the "United Press" said: "I have actually received permission to offer Satyagraha but it has been kept in abeyance as Mahatma Gandhi desires that all Sind Congress workers should concentrate on constructive work, particularly on Hindu-Muslim unity in villages. So my task will now be to ask the Unity Board, set up by Maulana Azad, to adopt the scheme submitted to it by the sub-Committee in December last."

According to this scheme, a Central Camp will be opened at Sukkur and Hindu Muslim workers will tour every village in about ten talukas in Sukkur, Jacobabad, Larkana districts, which were directly affected by the communal disturbances. Thereafter, we shall submit our report to Mahatma Gandhi.—United Press.



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Current And Coming Indian Films



Kishore Sahu, Snehaprabha and Anjalidevi in 'Punarmilan' at Majestic; Navin Jain and Bibbo in 'Snehabandhan' at Opera House and Leela Desai in a scene in 'Nartaki' at Minerva.

How Scenarios Affect Films

Examples Of "Punarmilan" And "Bandhan"

Screen writing is coming to the fore, and gradually taking its due place among the many components of the motion picture. No longer is it enough to fill a film with mere star-glamour. The old adage, "The Play's The Thing," momentarily forgotten, is being remembered once more.

True to its position of leadership in the Indian film industry, the Bombay Talkies studio is taking the lead in this revival. It is being done without fuss or fanfare. "Bandhan" is a script-writer's success. "Punarmilan," again, is an achievement in scenario. People praise the songs of "Bandhan," the dances in "Punarmilan." Without doubt, they deserve all the tributes showed on them. But, without the dramatic interest created by the scenarios in the pictures themselves, neither the songs nor the dances would have the same significance as they now possess. Besides, far fewer people would go the Roxy or the Majestic, to hear the songs or to see the dances.

Few people realise that fact. Few, indeed, realise that it is the context that makes "Chal Chal re Nav Javan," the Song of Youth it is acknowledged to be; that it is the context that makes audiences wish Snehaprabha had continued her lamp dance longer!

And therein lies the greatness of the Bombay Talkies scenarios. Their work gives the film its bones—they determine the size and shape of the entertainment, and yet like the bones of a live, healthy person, are not seen at all.

Who can forget the "Bandhan" Headmaster at the farewell function? His boys inspire him to sing "Chal Chal re Nav Javan"; after the refrain, he lapses into "Sang Chale Hum", a line he has been used to singing with the Zamindar's daughter. In a trice, he realises his mistake, tumbles not more than a split second, then rises to the full height of his emotion in extemporised lines expressive of a deep disdain of the lower human values.

Well, the scene is the high-light of "Bandhan". But the story itself could have gone on without it. Only, it would have been a poorer story. It is the scenario's trick. Nobody thinks of the scenario while cheering Ashok Kumar.

Does not Xceli burn with a momentary flame of jealousy for Jayanti in "Punarmilan"—until Kumar reveals that Jayanti is his sister? Without doubt, it is a fine bit of drama, tantalisingly intense, thrillingly unnerving. For the space of a minute or two, the audience has its heart in the mouth—will Koell end her romance in this fit of natural but mislead passion? We must thank the scenario for giving us that sequence, for building it up from the normal flow of the story, for enriching the emotional content of "Punarmilan."

These are but two of several examples of dexterous and imaginative penmanship that is enriching the Bombay Talkies product and thus ensuring its success.

Bombay Talkies is one of the few Indian studios with a properly functioning Scenario Department. The results, as seen in "Bandhan" and "Punarmilan" should encourage Bombay Talkies to further develop that organization; and, one hopes, will also encourage other studios to follow the example of Bombay Talkies.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL—"Danyaneshwar", Prabhat's Mythological, starring Shahu Modak with Sumati Gupte, Yeshwant, etc. in Marathi and Hindustani versions. Excellent. Must be seen. (35th week).

KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat", Prakash's season's hit featuring Vishnupant Pagnis and Durga Khote, with Aundhkar, Vimla Vashista and Ram Marathe in Hindustani. Full of fine songs devotional and others, also stunts. (19th week).

IMPERIAL—"Mala" a Prakash Social. Rose and Nazir in stellar roles. (First week).

LAMINGTON—"Qaidi", Film Corporation's fine picture in which Ramola and Nandkumar are starring. (6th week).

MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" of Bombay Talkies, starring Kishore Sahu and Snehaprabha. Excellent dances. (5th week).

MINERVA—"Nartaki", Devki Bose's new picture by New Theatres. Reminiscent of Vidyapati.



Sankathaprasad in 'Puja' at Pathe

Leela Desai's excellent dances Najmal Hussain acts opposite. (5th week).

OPERA HOUSE—"Snehabandhan" produced by Great India Pictures. Bibbo takes stellar role and gives the finest performance of her screen career. A story of mother love. (4th week).

PATHE—"Puja", National Studio's new release in which Sardar Akhtar, Sitara and Jyoti have been starred. A story of mother love. (4th week).

ROXY—"Bombay Talkies' "Bandhan", starring Leela Chitna and Ashok Kumar with V. H. Desai, Suresh, etc. Very entertaining. (22nd week).

WEST END—"Lagna Pahave Karoon" with Damuanna Malvanekar in stellar role. Rollicking humour with support from Jox and Vimal. (5th week).

New Film Weekly For Bombay

A new film weekly to be called "The Screen" will be published in Bombay from January 25. It will be printed at the Popular Printing Press. Mr. D. S. Kulkarni will edit the weekly.

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL
On Sunday at 10-30 a. m. "East Lynne" with Ann Harding, Clive Brook and Conrad Nagel will be shown at Regal.

RECORD COLLECTIONS EVERYWHERE FOR "LAGNA PAHAVE KAROON"

The expectations of the critics that Navayug's latest social comedy "Lagna Pahave Karoon" (Hunt for Husband) now in its 5th week at New West End would be a very popular hit at the Box Office has proved more than correct. The box office collections for the first three weeks' run at New West End only amount to Rs. 35,000. Apart from Bombay, the total gross revenue at Poona in first three weeks' run, at Nalsik in the first two weeks' run and at Kolhapur and Sholapur only for first week even exceeds Rs. 35,000. So in all, the picture has so far grossed more than Rs. 70,000 an income which fully justifies the anticipations of the critics.

With those figures in hand Mr. B. A. Peshkar of Peerless Pictures, the distributors of Navayug Chitrapat Ltd., feels confident that it will fetch a record income from all over the Marathi-speaking provinces. In fact, he has already received congratulatory telegrams from Nasik, Sholapur and Kolhapur to the effect that the first week gross of "Lagna Pahave Karoon" constitute an all time record for the three centres. And at this rate it need not surprise anyone, if this picture creates fresh box-office records at scores of other centres.

The reason for this phenomenal success which fairly indicates the appreciative response of the picture-goers is obviously "Nat" from the point of view of entertainment technique, presentation acting and story "Lagna Pahave Karoon" is an outstanding achievement for its producers. Besides the diverse aspects in filmmaking are so cleverly blended that the picture offers a most delightful, refreshing film fare.

GREAT SUCCESS OF 'NARTAKI' AT MINERVA

"Nartaki" is a remarkable achievement of New Theatres because of its brilliant team work. The brilliant script of Devki Bose and superb artistry of Leela Desai, whom New Theatres technicians have given a new birth on the screen, make "Nartaki" the best Leela Desai screen vehicle which has come out from New Theatres Studio recently. It is a pleasure to see Leela dance and sing in one situation coupled with the most enchantingly melodious song-hits by Pundlik Mullick, acting as the poet of Leela's pleasure-garden. Pundlik Mullick's songs, composed by the famous poet Arzu and set to the charming tunes by himself, reveal new strides in song-splendour, but beyond that, he here demonstrates that his role of a poet puts new meaning to the event in taking place in the life of Nartaki.

"PUJA" IN THE 4th WEEK

National Studios' "Puja", which enters its 4th week to-day at the Pathe Cinema has fully justified the expectations of its producers by proving to be one of the popular pictures in town now.

Sardar Akhtar and Sitara in the two chief roles give magnificent performances and prove themselves to be in the front rank of artistes on the Indian Screen to-day.

Jyoti sings some good songs and wins the hearts of the audience by her brightness and naivete. Among the male roles, Zahur Raja, Satish and Sankatha Prasad render a good account of themselves. Sunajini Devi as the mother of the heroines gives another very good rendering of an elderly role.

STUDIO SPY'S DISCOVERIES

'Radhika' Coming Very Soon

Mr. Virendra Desai's next picture "Radhika", has now been made completely ready. It stars a newcomer to the screen in Miss Nalini Jaywant, who is reported to have done very good work in the picture. "Radhika" is a devotional of a modern kind based upon the decline of religious sentiments in these days of unbelief.

Mr. Mehboob's next picture has now been given the name of "Amar Ki Bina", Amar being the hero (played by Sheikh Mukhtar) and Bina the little sister whom he saves from an earthquake and brings up.

Director Ramchandra Thakur's picture "Kasoti", starring Rose with Prahlad and others is fast nearing completion.

"Asra", a social comedy with Sardar Akhtar in the lead is now



Datey and Jagirdar in "Shejari" shortly coming to Central

almost ready and will be seen before long in Bombay.

"Pardesi" is Ranjit's next release. It will have its premiere at Lamington Talkies. It is a social melodrama. "Pardesi" was directed by Chaturbhuj A. Doshi, the creator of "Musafir". The story was written by Pandit Sudarshan.

Motilal and Khurshid lead the cast, supported by Snehaprabha, E. Billimoria, Durgesh and Kantilal.

"Ulti Ganga", Minerva Movietone's forthcoming full length comedy in Hindustani, has been discharged from the cutting room and is now awaiting release at Bombay, Lahore, Delhi and other places in the North.

It deals, in a most impressive way, with daughters of Eve's bid for complete supremacy over man. It is directed by K. Dhaiber and brings together merry-makers like, Pramilla, Sadigal, P. Banerji, Gulab, Eruch Tarapore, Brijrani, Ramesh, Sadatall and several hundreds of bewitching beauties.

With an exceptionally strong combination of screen celebrities, Minerva Movietone's, "Sikandar" (Alexander the Great), has already gone before the flood-lights. Mr. Sohrab Modi, the creator of "Pukar", is in charge of direction.

"Padosi" Gets Last Polish

Prabhat's Flair For Perfection

When is "Padosi" coming? The question comes from thousands of lips, eager to sing the praises of a good film, as outspoken in commenting on bad ones. They are the lips that rise superior to arranged publicity—or undermine it, as the case may be. They are the lips that have taken to the film as most others have taken to the hot morning tea.

When is "Padosi" coming? The film fan wants to know. The rest of the public, too, knows what "Padosi" is; and is eager to see it. The "fan", however, is quivering with impatience.

Well, that eagerness is known in Prabhat Nagar; that impatience is strongly registered on director Shantaram's mind. That is why the delay in the release of "Padosi".

The public, by its expectations, has placed a burden on Shantaram. It is a heavy burden of responsibility. He cannot disappoint us in the very least.

Every Shantaram picture has given us something new. The progression of his creations has been the progress of the film industry in India or very nearly so. He is the only director of whom this can be said without fear of contradiction.

In "King of Ayodhya", he painted the screen with the deep hues of poignant emotion; in "Amrit Manthan", he raised a splendid monument to personality; in "Amar Jyoti", he stretched the screen to new dimensions of magnificence; in "Duniya Na Mane", he caught hold of us and made us look at ourselves; in "Admi", he called sharp attention to the ditches and ravines on either side of our life's path.

What will Shantaram do in "Padosi"? Just give us good entertainment? Well, that, he undoubtedly, will. But what else? That, we can only wait to know. That, the film 'fan' is quivering to know.

Whatever Shantaram says in "Padosi", there is a special assurance that he will say it specially well. It is quite a few weeks since he finished with the sets. It is a week since he gave his stars a holiday, to take the rest they have so richly earned. The film is now with the Director, and his laboratory men and a pair of scissors. It is being polished, re-adjusted, and perfected. Few of us realise how vital this process is to the motion picture. Too few producers themselves realise it.

Didn't Shantaram say the public was his master? Or did he say, his God? In either case, Shantaram is a loyal servant as well as a staunch devotee. He will give his public only his very best, and he will not delay his offering unduly.

"Bonnie Scotland" At Broadway

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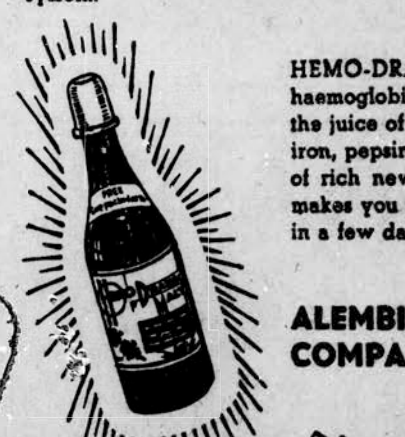
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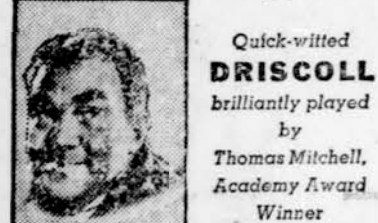
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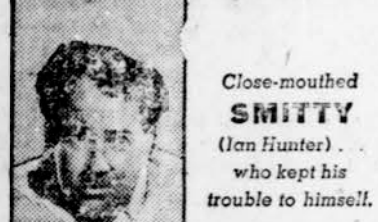
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January 26

BOMBAY, Friday.
The programme to be observed
in Bombay on the Independence
Day which falls on January 26
was discussed at a meeting of
Congress workers at the Congress
House this evening. Office-
bearers of the District Congress
Committee were present. Mr.
Dhirajlal B. Desai presided. Mrs.
Sarojini Naidu also attended the
meeting.

The District Congress Commit-
tees as also the Suburban Com-
mittees will join in an elaborate
programme which commences at
an early hour and lasts up to
evening.

The first item is "Prabhat
Phet" which will be organised in
every ward. Starting at 6 a.m.
the "pheries" will march in the
direction of the Congress House,
where Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will
unveil the National Flag at 8 a.m.
A similar programme will be ob-
served at Matunga where the flag
hoisting ceremony will take place
at Napoo Gardens at 8 a.m.

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women volunteers.

The afternoon programme in-
cludes a procession which will
start from Dhobi Talao at 3-30
p.m. and march through Bhulesh-
war, C. P. Tank Road, Walthabhat
Patel Road, Sandhurst Road and
terminate at Chowpatty.

The Independence pledge will
be taken at a public meeting at
Chowpatty at 5-30 p.m.
The labour population of the
city will join in a meeting to be
held at the Kamgar Maldan at
5-30 p.m.

CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN PUNJAB

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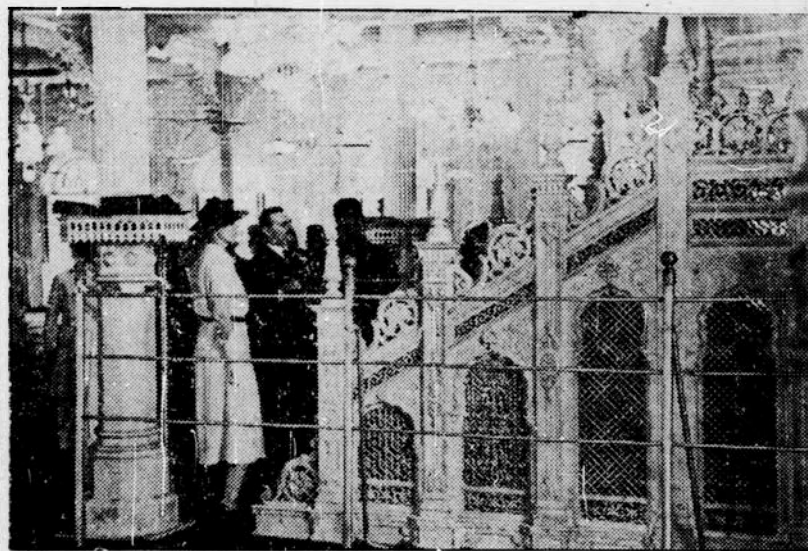
bers to use good seed and im-
proved implements and to take
the fullest advantage of the dis-
coveries of the Agricultural De-
partment.

The number of Co-operative
Cattle Breeding Societies in the
Province is 3,3, and in-morship
and interest are markedly in-
creasing. A separate group of
societies is concentrating on the
breeding of buffaloes and there
are 25 societies for sheep and 14
for mule breeding in areas which
are suitable.

The organisation and renewal
of cottage industries is an im-
portant part of the programme
of the Co-operative Movement,
and for this purpose Co-operative
Industrial Societies have been
started, "because," as stated by
the Royal Commission on Agri-
culture, "the development of vil-
lage industries on a co-operative
basis is essential if they are to
survive increasing competition."

The number of these societies
is now 350, with nearly 6,000
members and a working capital of
more than Rs. 6 lakhs, half of
which is owned and includes
shares, reserves and deposits.
These societies cater for the
cottage craftsman, the handloom
weaver, the leather worker, the
carpenter, the potter, the oil-
man, the smith and many others
who without co-operative organi-
sation cannot hope to survive the
stress of modern competitive pro-
duction.

There are now 233 women's so-



H. E. the Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley at
Juma Masjid on Thursday.

"Augury Of Final Victory"

Princes Chamber Executive Greet British
Victories In Africa And Albania

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17
The Standing Committee of the
Chamber of Princes concluded its
deliberations this evening, after
adopting the following resolution.

"The Standing Committee of
the Chamber of Princes records its
heartfelt gratification at the re-
cent splendid and brilliant vic-
tories of Imperial and Allied for-
ces in Africa and Albania and is
proud to learn that the Indian
troops have played such a magni-
ficent part in these achievements.
The Committee requests His
Excellency the Viceroy to convey
to His Majesty's Government and
particularly to the dauntless sol-
dier-statesman, the Prime Minis-
ter of the United Kingdom, the
sincerest congratulations of the
Princes of India on these glorious
victories, which are regarded as a
promising augury of final victory."

TRAINING OF OFFICERS
The Standing Committee also
approved the budget of its Secre-
tariat and examined the latest
scheme for the selection and
training of reserve officers for the
Commissioned ranks of the Indian
States Forces.

Earlier in the day there was a
meeting of the special committee
of the Princes to define the civil
rights of the Rulers of the States;
it is learned that the Committee
did not propose to lay down any
rigid formula of uniform applica-
bility or to limit the ultimate dis-

cisions, with a membership of
5,321 and a working capital of
about Rs. 2.90 lakhs. Hitherto,
the scope of these societies has
been mostly limited to thrift, but
their activities are expanding and
some of them are now becoming
the nuclei of Women's Institutes,
affording an opportunity for the
study of all subjects which con-
tribute to the health and happi-
ness of the home.

There are many other forms of
Co-operative Societies, such as
purchase and sale societies, pro-
duction and labour societies, build-
ings and housing societies,
compulsory and adult education
societies.

The main results achieved by
the Co-operative Movement may
be said to be the provision of a
large amount of capital at a
reasonable rate of interest and
the organization of the system of
rural credit which, carefully fos-
tered, may yet relieve the culti-
vator of that burden of usury
which he has borne so patiently
throughout the ages. Knowledge
of the co-operative system is now
widespread, thrift is being en-
couraged, training in the handling
of money and in elementary
banking principles is being given.
Where the Co-operative Move-
ment is strongly established, there
has been a general lowering of the
rate of interest charged by the
money-lenders, the hold of the

FOR ADJOURNMENT OF CORPORATION

The Municipal Corporation on
Friday referred the resolution of
Mr. Suleman M. A. Darvesh re-
garding the adjournment of the
Municipal Corporation without
transacting any business to the
Law and Revenue Committee for
report.

Mr. Darvesh wanted that a
Councilor moving adjournment
motion should assign his reason
for doing so and which should be
recorded in the proceedings of the
House.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

Mr. Lalu Shah, Returning Officer, writes:
"It has come to my knowledge that lea-
ders are distributed by some students sta-
ting that the elections of the Bombay Stu-
dents' Union will take place on 18th Jan.
1941 at the Forbes Hall. This is an unau-
thorised and totally misleading leaflet, dis-
tributed with mischievous and ulterior mo-
tives."

The elections of the Bombay Students'
Union were to take place on 18th Jan. for
which 12 nominations were filed, out of
which 9 were voluntarily withdrawn by the
students concerned and there being only 3
valid, the following 12 were declared elected:
Mrs. Kusum Master, Messrs. H. Z. Gilani,
H. J. Shah, R. G. Dhruva, A. D. Nardie, N.
C. Porikar, B. M. Shah, P. C. Desai, P. S.
Sagarika, Shanti Gosalia, Manu Patel, Ra-
jani Shah, Savanti Zaveri, Bansi Mehta,
Chandrakant Dalal, Shanti Shah, Joachim
Dias and Abdul Sattar Parakh and Natter
Gody both the last-named in jail.

The date of the elections was fixed un-
authorisedly by the executive committee in its
meeting on 6th December.

Being the returning officer, I consider it
my duty to place the facts before the stu-
dents and warn them against this bogus
election.

Statement Endorsed

Messrs. H. Z. Gilani and A. D. Nardie,
Secretaries, write:
We endorse the above statement of Mr.
Lalu Shah and beg to inform the students
that there is only one representative union
of students in Bombay and that is the
Bombay Students' Union. The Union's office
is at the Mantri House, 1, French Bridge,
Opp. Opera House. In spite of the above
statement of the returning officer, if there
remains any doubt in the mind of any stu-
dent, we request him or her to seek an ex-
planation from the Union's office between 6
to 8 p.m. on any working day.

New Office-Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected
by the executive committee in its meeting
on 17th inst.:
Jt. Secretaries: Miss Jaya Mahimtura,
Messrs. Lalu Shah and H. J. Shah.
Treasurer: Miss Kamalini Rajni.
Miss Jaya Mahimtura and Messrs. Lalu
Shah, H. M. Shah and K. R. Smart were
co-opted to the executive committee.

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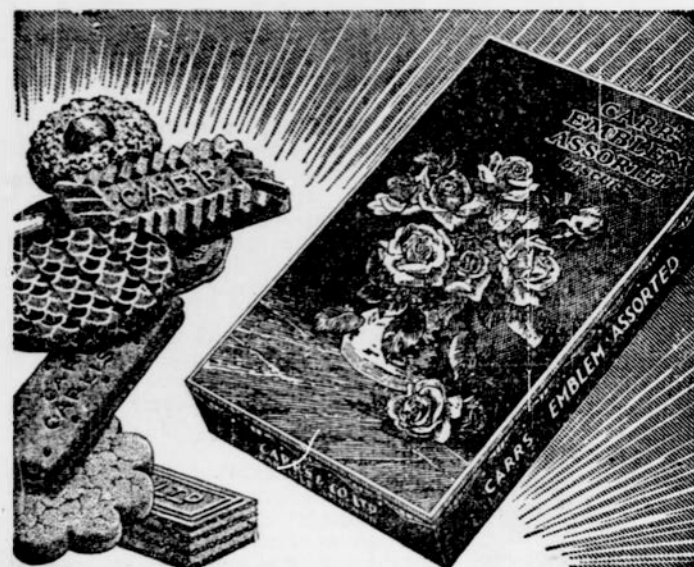
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Silver Rises On Budget Rumours

WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

MONEY. Bombay, Jan. 17. Conditions in the short-term money market were unchanged compared to the previous week. Extreme ease continued to prevail all through the period under review. The rate of funds, the interbank call rate was quoted at 1 1/4 per cent, while 3 to 6 months' money was available around 3 1/4 per cent, per annum. The Treasury Bill rate again dropped by three pips to Rs. 9 1/2-1 per cent, per annum. An increase of Rs. 126.20 in the active note circulation is noticed in the Issue Department in the weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, made up to 10th January 1941. The total of notes issued has also gone up by Rs. 98.76 lacs. On the Assets side, the Bank's holding of 'Rupee Coin' has declined by Rs. 31.22 lacs. The ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities of the Issue Department is up by 0.264 per cent to 60.45 per cent. In the Banking Department, deposits denote an all-round decline; those on account of Government are down by Rs. 129.61 lacs; Bankers' Deposits have declined by Rs. 257.67 lacs; while the item of 'Other Deposits' has increased by Rs. 55.95 lacs. Balances held abroad have declined by Rs. 491.37 lacs. Government borrowings against 'Ways and Means' are reduced by Rs. 30 lacs. That deposits of all kinds have gone up by Rs. 42.42 lacs is revealed by the Imperial Bank of India's statement for the week ended 10th January 1941. Investments show a rise of Rs. 118.74 lacs, while Advances register a fall of Rs. 79.47 lacs. The Bank's holding of Cash is down by Rs. 40.50 lacs.

GILT-EDGED. The gilt-edged market ruled firm during the week under review and prices advanced further. Continued favourable news from the war front and cheap money accounted for this situation. 3-1/2 per cent, Rupee Paper moved up further from Rs. 94-10 to Rs. 95-2, but 3-1/2 per cent, India Sterling Stock remained stagnant around 596-3/4 throughout. There was also fair investment inquiry in other dated bonds, particularly long-dated ones. 3 per cent, 1963-65 loan improved from Rs. 95-4 to Rs. 95-9, whilst there was keen demand for 4 per cent, 1960-70 loan around Rs. 108-5 and for 1-1/2 per cent, 1955-60 loan around Rs. 113. 2-3/4 per cent, 1948-52 loan found buyers at Rs. 98-8 as against the opening level of Rs. 96-4, 3 per cent, 1941 bonds closed unchanged at Rs. 101-5, 3 per cent, 1951-54 loan at Rs. 98-8 and 2-1/2 per cent, 1947-50 loan at Rs. 102. 4 per cent, 1943 bonds were listless at Rs. 104-9 during the week. 5 per cent, 1945-46 (tax free) loan moved up from Rs. 112-4 to Rs. 112-6.

EXCHANGE. Extremely dull conditions, to which we are used now, continued to prevail in the rupee/sterling exchange market during the week under review. Rates for interbank business in T. T. on London were unchanged at Rs. 3-5/8 for sellers and Rs. 6d. for buyers. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks Association were underhand at under—Seller—T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months Rs. 31/32d. Buyer—T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months Rs. 31/32d. In the New York market, sterling was pegged at the now familiar level of 46.75 cents all through the week. The Shanghai dollar remained unchanged at 3-7/16d. and the yen, too, was stationary at 15, 2-1/2d.

GOLD. The gold section of the local bullion market continued to be quietly steady. The turnover was restricted and the price variation was confined to a narrow range. Opening at Rs. 42-0-3, spot gold declined to Rs. 41-14-3 on profit-taking, but recovered to the opening on Thursday in sympathy with the firmness in silver. January settlement gold, which was quoted at a premium of three pips for most part of the week, stood at par with spot at the close, while gold to be delivered in February settlement commanded a premium of half an anna over January Sovereigns, which were quoted at Rs. 28-6-6 per coin at the opening, stood at Rs. 28-5-9 at the end. Floating stocks of gold are

estimated at about 1,75,000 tolas; arrivals in the open market are said to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day; the average daily offtake for trade purposes is believed to be 1,500 tolas. The highest and lowest rates for trade during the week were: Rs. 42-0-3 and Rs. 41-14-3 for spot, Rs. 42-0-4 and Rs. 41-14-4 for January settlement and Rs. 42-1 and Rs. 41-15 for February settlement.

SILVER. The pre-budget rumours about a change in the import duty on silver, customary at this time of the year, were responsible for vitalising the silver market during the week under review. Opening at Rs. 62, spot silver assumed for pre-budget deliveries and the quotation was marked up to Rs. 63-6-6 on Thursday. On some profit-taking, the rate declined to Rs. 62-14-6, the same day, but closed at Rs. 63-2. January settlement silver was quoted at a discount of one anna, while silver to be delivered in February settlement, after standing at a premium of half an anna, stood at par with January at the close. On rumours about an increase in the import duty on silver, the market was quoted at a discount of 1/16d. to 23-1/4d. on Tuesday, and closed unchanged. Two months' forward delivery was quoted at a discount of 1/16d. all through the week. The stock position in the market remains unchanged at 6,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates during the week were: Rs. 63-6-6 and Rs. 62 for spot, Rs. 63-6-6 and Rs. 61-15 for January settlement and Rs. 63-6-6 and Rs. 61-15-6 for February settlement.

SHARES. The quieter feeling, noticed last week, persisted on the local stock market during the period under review and prices tended lower. Cotton mills, however, ruled quite firm on good local and foreign demand for cloth. Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds gradually lost ground from the opening at Rs. 1,370 to Rs. 1,350, and after recovering to Rs. 1,382-3, closed lower again at Rs. 1,330. Ordinaries also lost about 7 points to Rs. 307, but supported by a strong demand, finally closing at Rs. 361. Cotton mill shares fared well during the week with a passing breeze. There was good investment demand in evidence in the Bank section; Central Banks found strong buyers at Rs. 145-4 against the previous close of Rs. 41, whilst Bank of India were fully maintained at Rs. 139-8. Imperial Bank of India issues ruled strong at Rs. 1,090 for Fully Paid and at Rs. 392-8 for Partly Paid. Reserve Banks were quoted Rs. 105-8. In the miscellaneous bloc, Associated Cement were again the most outstanding scrip, the quotation for which rose from Rs. 140 to Rs. 145 at the end. Belapur went ex-dividend during the week and were quoted at Rs. 205-8-8d. Bombay Burmahs ranged narrowly around Rs. 325 and Scindia Steams around Rs. 20. New India were almost static at Rs. 40-4 all through the week.

CALCUTTA. The jute section of the Calcutta share market continued dull and interesting with only minor price variation. The trend of the market, however, seemed lower.

HOLIDAYS IN BRITAIN INADVISABLE

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17. The Government of India, it is learned, have addressed commercial and trade organisations in this country advising them to discourage their employees from spending their leave in Great Britain. Similar advice has been given to all provincial Governments and departments of the Central Government.

It is explained that in the present conditions it is difficult to secure shipping facilities for the transport of persons from the United Kingdom to India.—A.P.

RAILWAY WORKERS' STRIKE CALLED OFF

BOMBAY, Friday. In pursuance of a resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union, the strike which was organised by the workers of the G.I.P. Workshops at Parel and Matunga was called off to-day.

"GIVE UP MAPS IN YOUR POSSESSION"

Govt. Of India Order On Calcutta Corporation

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17. An order issued by the Government of India and served by the Calcutta Police on the Corporation of Calcutta demands that all maps of the scale of about 32 miles to an inch or of any larger scale covering Calcutta area and in possession of the Corporation shall have to be delivered to the authorities. The Corporation has also been asked hereafter not to publish, sell or distribute any such document.

It appears similar restrictive orders have been issued to certain other public bodies in Calcutta.—United Press.

CLOTH MARKET STRIKE CALLED OFF

BOMBAY, Friday. The strike organised by the Mahratta casual coolies working in the cloth markets was called off to-day as the merchants promised to consider their demands for an increase in wages.

OSMANIA GRADUATES CONFER

Hindus And Muslims Urged To Stand United

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Jan. 15. An appeal to Hindus and Muslims of the State to resolve their differences and present a united platform under the Nizam was made by Rai Guru Das, Jagirdar, presiding over the Osmania Graduates Association Conference. Rai Guru Das surveyed the activities of the Association and complimented it for forming a body for working for unity and progress among Hindus and Muslims. He emphasised the need for developing the resources of the State in order to relieve unemployment and also discontinuing the practice of employing non-muslims in State services.

Nawab Salar Jung Bahadur inaugurating the conference congratulated the Graduates Association for holding on to the traditions of the State by working together like a team without distinction of creed. He advised the members to continue their work for the welfare of the State. Speaking at the annual dinner organised by the Osmania Graduates Association held last night Nawab Kamal Yar Jung who was chief guest spoke of the example set up by the rulers of the Asaf Jahi dynasty by uniting both Hindus and Muslims under a common platform, in spite of the influences to the contrary from outside.

Nawab Mehdi Yar Jung, Finance and Education Member, appealed to the people to encourage "multi" industries and thus help to reduce unemployment.—A. P.

INDO-BURMA TRADE TALKS

Will Commence At Delhi On Feb. 1

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17. It is learned that the Indo-Burma Trade negotiations will commence here from Saturday, February 1.—A.P.

VICEROY PRAISES PORBANDAR'S WAR EFFORTS

VICEROY'S CAMP PORBANDAR, Jan. 16.

The Viceroy party arrived here this morning. The Maharana of Porbandar with State officers received them at the station.

Welcoming Their Excellencies, the Maharana dwelt upon the progress made by the State in the direction of education, agriculture and industries, and referred to Porbandar's war efforts. A tribute to the ruler of Porbandar was paid by the Viceroy in his speech at the laying of the foundation stone of the Hope Stadium and Public Gardens to-day.

His Excellency said:—Your Highness and your people have made very generous contributions to the various war funds and given tangible evidence of your desire to do everything you can do to further the cause for which the Empire is now fighting and a striking proof of this is the announcement which Your Highness has just made of further contributions to India's war effort. I am glad to have this opportunity of thanking Your Highness in person for this most valuable support.

You have told me of the notable improvements which have been effected in the spheres of medicine and education, and I am impressed by the close personal attention which Your Highness devotes to the administration of your State.

It is gratifying to learn that the many and varied industries of Porbandar are in so flourishing condition and that, side by side with this healthy activity, the agricultural condition of the State has shown a steady improvement.

Your Highness has referred to the important part which the port of Porbandar has for so long played in the economic life of your State and to the enterprise of your mercantile community, whose representatives are to be found in so many parts of the world. The remarkable increase in the population of the city dur-

Health And Education Committee For Indore State

(From Our Correspondent.)

SATNA, Jan. 14. A Standing Committee for Public Health and Education consisting of 4 officials, 2 nominated and 5 elected members of the Indore Legislative Council has been appointed by His Highness the Maharaja Sahib.

The Home Minister, in charge of Education and Public Health will be the President of the Committee which has been authorised to ask any State Officer to be present at a discussion to which such officer is in a position to make useful contribution.

NEW MINISTER FOR INDORE

(From Our Correspondent.)

SATNA, Jan. 17. The Maharaja of Indore has appointed Mr. C. G. Matkar Bar-at-Law as Officiating Revenue Minister in place of Rai Bahadur S. V. Kanungo who has been permitted to retire from State service.

WHY SIND PREMIER JOINED LEAGUE

KARACHI, Jan. 16.

Explaining the reason for his joining the Muslim League, the Hon'ble Mir Bandeali Khan Talpur told the "United Press" that in these days of party governments, it was difficult for an individual to exist without aligning himself to a well organised political party. He was impelled to become a member of the Muslim League on that account only.

He felt that if all members of the Assembly were members of organised parties there would be lesser number of political crises in Sind. He wished every one to be amenable to some party discipline.—United Press.

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INDIAN LIBERALS' REPLY TO

BR. M.P.s' MESSAGE

LET VICEROY'S COUNCIL BE RESPONSIBLE CABINET

National Interests First In Recruitment Of Defence Forces

The view that the British Government had so far failed to unify British and Indian interests and to inspire zeal for the British cause among the people of India, and the opinion that the situation in the country, though serious, could be improved beyond recognition if Britain acted with vision and courage, are expressed by prominent Indian Liberals in the course of a signed statement in reply to the message to the people of India from nine members of the British Parliament.

FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT

The statement says:—
We the undersigned members of the Liberal Party in India, warmly appreciate the sincerity and goodwill which have prompted the nine members of the British Parliament to send a message to the people of India. We cordially reciprocate their feelings. As Indian and British political ideals are the same and the moral sympathy of India is with the forces of Democracy at this juncture, we agree that it is a tragedy that India and England are drifting apart. It will be a greater tragedy if immediate efforts are not made to reconcile the two.
We must point out, however, that it is a mistake to think that the misunderstandings relate to superficial matters. Deeper causes are responsible for the present situation.

WELCOME SURPRISE
We are glad to be told that the idea of looking on India as less than an equal is foreign to the House of Commons today. This has come as a welcome surprise to us as we have seen no reflection of this spirit in the policies followed in India. At the outbreak of the war India was more warmly sympathetic to England than even during the last Great War owing to community of political ideas. But the British Government unfortunately failed to mobilise Indian goodwill owing to their unimaginative and still distrustful attitude. In the political domain they have moved very reluctantly and always too late. The declaration made by the Viceroy after the outbreak of the war merely reaffirmed that Dominion Status was the ultimate issue of India's political evolution, and there was no offer at that stage of associating Indians with the formulation and execution of war policies.

DOMINION STATUS
Further the measures taken in respect of the vital question of defence and industrialisation have caused intense dissatisfaction and deepened distrust of British policy which seemed to be based on racial consideration. We agree that the controversy with regard

to Dominion Status and Independence has no practical importance at the present time. But we must emphasise that this controversy can be put an end to only by granting Dominion Status to India and thus securing to her the reality of national freedom.
We can sincerely say that we have never approached any public question with the slightest communal bias. We have always honestly tried to understand and remove the legitimate apprehensions of minorities. It has always been our aim that the constitution shall fully protect the minority interests and enable the minorities to make their contribution to the solution of national problems. But we must say that although it is apparently conceded that India must be allowed to have a substantial share in the framing of her constitution, yet the task has been made virtually impossible for her by declarations on the part of Government which encourage communal intransigence and thus practically give the minorities and other interests a veto on constitutional advance.

AMERY'S ATTITUDE
In a recent speech of Mr. Amery, the reference to the regrouping of the provinces and considerable enlargement of the powers of the province as against the Centre, and the new type of executive authority and insistence in every official pronouncement on the rights of minorities without a clear statement that the minorities would not be allowed to block constitutional advance by unreasonable demands have, we are afraid, created the impression that Britain is taking advantage of the communal difficulties in order to maintain her power.

ANOTHER OBSTACLE.
Another obstacle in the way of mutual understanding is the distinction made by Mr. Amery between the status and functions of Dominion Status as applied to India and the view taken by the Government of what they regard as their historic obligation in this country owing to the political

position occupied by them here over a long period. These obligations are to be settled by them in accordance with their own view of their obligations. In all sincerity, we ask our friends to place themselves in our position and then to say whether they, under those conditions would have regarded the offer of August 8th of 1940 as indicating the earnest desire of British to endow India with full freedom and treat her as her equal.

VICEROY'S COUNCIL.
The interim arrangement contained in the Viceroy's declaration of August must be judged in the light of the circumstances prevailing in India. It is believed that since the Government of India Act of 1935 came partially into operation in 1937 the position of the executive council of the Viceroy has deteriorated. The general impression is that real power is concentrated in the hands of the Viceroy and that important matters are often decided by him without reference to the Executive Council. In such circumstances representatives of Indian political parties cannot be expected to have any enthusiasm for joining the Executive Council merely as departmental heads.

The British Government failed to give the assurance that as far as possible the council will work by convention as a responsible Cabinet. Besides, the policy followed in respect of Indianisation and the recruitment of the Defence forces, and the Supply Department whose activities cannot but have a far-reaching effect on Indian industrial development and the 'disadvantage' under which Indians labour in regard to appointment to the higher services under the Central Government in general have but confirmed the suspicion that there is no fundamental change in British policy in India and that both in respect of Defence and Industrial development Britain is guided more by regard for British than Indian interests. Unless the Indian Defence forces are nationalised by affording equal opportunities to all classes and provinces to take part in the defence of the country and by the substitution of British officers by Indian officers, Dominion Status can have no meaning.

The difference between the treatment accorded to Australia and Canada on the one hand and India on the other in the matter of Defence and the manufacture of air craft, shipping, automobile and other industries and the training of air pilots on a large scale, is very patent.

Response To M. P.'s Appeal

We appreciate the appeal made by distinguished members of the British Parliament to revise our views of the Viceroy's offer of August 8, but it seems to us that they have not carefully appreciated the situation in India and have not realised the disastrous effect on the public mind of the manner in which the affairs of the country are being actually administered. We believe in co-operation between Britain and India if it could

Five Killed In Clash

CUTTACK, Jan. 17.
Five persons were killed in a recent clash between two communities known as the Savaras and the Pans at Rayagada in Parlakimidi Taluka. The Savaras set fire to the houses of the Pans and caused considerable damage to their property.

An Orissa Government press note on the subject says that "On receipt of information, the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police proceeded to Rayagada with a force of armed police and restored order. A notice under Sec. 144 of the Cr. P. C. was served on Mr. Haripani Jenna, M. L. A., prohibiting him from entering the Agency. The cause of the clash is said to be a grievance on the part of the Savaras that they were being exploited by the Pans, although it is still not clear what actually brought matters to a head. It appears that isolated cases of looting of Pan houses by the Savaras had occurred a few days previously.—A. P.

be achieved on honourable terms. Notwithstanding the differences that have arisen, the magnitude of which cannot be minimised, there is every desire on our part to offer our full co-operation but it is in our view incumbent on Government to make our task easy by creating the right psychological atmosphere. The British Government has not wholeheartedly said to us as the members of the Parliament who have addressed the Indian people, have done, 'Join with us in defeating Hitlerism, join with us thereafter in framing the terms of peace and helping to shape the course of the world.'

How can India which is not assured of her future freedom forget its humiliating position and work enthusiastically for the freedom of England and other nations? We are unreservedly opposed to the totalitarian systems and would genuinely wish that India was in a position to put forth her maximum effort for the cause of freedom and democracy. But we deeply regret that the British Government have so far failed to unify British and Indian interests and to inspire zeal for the British cause among the people of India.

The situation in the country, though serious, can be improved beyond recognition if Britain acts with vision and courage. We have here expressed our own views but we believe that they are shared by a considerable section of our countrymen.

SIGNATORIES
Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar (President, National Liberal Federation), Sir P. S. Sivaswamy Aiyer, Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, Sir C. Y. Chintamani, Mr. J. N. Basu, Hon. Pandit H. N. Kunzru, Dr. R. P. Paranjpye, Sir Maharaj Singh, Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri, Mr. M. P. N. Sapru, and Mr. P. Kodanda Rao.

Need For Concentrated Effort For Rural Uplift

What Economic Survey By Madras University In Eight Villages Shows

MADRAS, Jan. 17.
At a meeting of the Madras Economic Association Dr. P. J. Thomas, Economic Professor, Madras University, presented the results of an economic survey conducted by the University in eight villages in the Presidency.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

The main conclusions are:
The growing rural congestion in certain areas and increasing sub-division and fragmentation of holdings;
The growing number of non-cultivating landholders and the increase of tenancy;
The large increase of landless labourers and the decay of customary relations between landowners and labourers;
Slow progress of agricultural improvements;
Growth of indebtedness, although the rates of interest had fallen much;
The growing disparity in the incidence of land revenue between different classes of land, calling for a re-adjustment of

the land revenue system;
Extensive progress in communications and break-down of village self-sufficiency; and
Changes in diet—from millets to rice, from hand-pounded rice to milled rice and the growing popularity of coffee and tea.

RURAL INCOMES

Rural incomes range from Rs. 73 to Rs. 40 per head. Food supply seems to have kept pace with the growth of population, but while the quantity of carbohydrates available is more than adequate, there is an insufficiency of fats and proteins.
During the period under survey, industrial areas have made more rapid progress than agricultural, largely owing to the protective tariff policy followed by Government. While the economic activities of Government in the past have greatly benefited the urban classes, the beneficial effect on the population of rural areas has not been so appreciable, and 'everything points to the need for a concentrated effort in rural development.'—A. P.

Gold Mining In Wynaad

Brighter Prospects Of Profitable Working Now

MADRAS, Jan. 17.
That there is in the gold-bearing rocks of the Wynaad (British Malabar) scope for enterprise and for the profitable outlay of capital is indicated in the preliminary report issued by the Geological Survey of India, who included the gold field of Wynaad and Malabar among the centres taken up by them for investigation during 1939-40.

The salient points in the report are indicated in a press note issued by the Government of Madras Development Department, to-day.

The report concludes: An attempt to mine the gold in 1880 proved a failure but conditions have so radically changed since then that it is probable that mining could now be profitably undertaken in the Wynaad. The geological reports in fact indicate that there is in the gold-bearing rocks of the Wynaad scope for enterprise and for the profitable outlay of capital.—A. P.

EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE

Announcement Of Standing Committee Personnel Next Month

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.
The Associated Press understands that the constitution of the Standing Committee recommended by the Eastern Group Conference will be completed some time next month when an official announcement as to its personnel, scope of work etc, may be expected.
It is reliably learnt that there is no truth in the report published in the press that Sir Alexander Roger, Leader of the Ministry of Supply Delegation in India has been nominated by Government in the United Kingdom as its representative and President of the Committee.

It is understood that the position and status of the Indian representative in the Committee will be exactly the same as those of the Dominions' representatives.—A. P.

Roy Addresses Labour Rally

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.
The view that Indian workers stand to gain immediately by voluntarily supporting the War efforts was expounded by Mr. M. N. Roy, while addressing an anti-Fascist Labour rally at Bhadrachalam in Barrackpore this afternoon.
Mr. Roy warned the workers about what their fate would be if the workers of Britain, who were bearing the brunt of resisting Fascism, were overwhelmed in the war. If the workers of England were overwhelmed, not only England, but India also would be overrun by the Fascists and in view of that the workers in his country must declare their solidarity with their English brethren.

Mr. Roy appealed to the workers in the country not to be misled by false propaganda, but to seize the possibility of improving their position immediately.—A. P.

Indo-Burma Trade Talks Adviser

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 17.
The local Millowners' Association has nominated its President, Seth Nandas Haridas as a non-official adviser to the Government of India in connection with the Indo-Burma trade negotiations.—A. P.

INSURANCE ACT AMENDMENT

Two New Bills To Be Introduced In Next Session Of Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.
The Government of India propose to introduce in the Assembly in its next session two Bills to amend the Insurance Act.
The first of these is a comprehensive measure designed to remove certain flaws and lacunae in the present Act and to deal with matters in respect of which experience has shown amendment to be desirable.

The second Bill which will be a short one of a few clauses, will reduce the minimum deposits due on 31st December, 1940, and afterwards until the expiry of one year after the conclusion of the present hostilities by fifty per cent, subject to fulfilment of all the following conditions:—

(A) That the insurer is not an insurer to whom part 4 of the Act applies.
(B) That the insurer carries on life business only and is an insurer who first assumed risk on policies earlier than December 3, 1939, but later than September 2, 1939.

(C) That the total annual premium income of the insurer, including annuity considerations, does not exceed Rs. 30,000.
An eligible insurer who does not desire to avail himself of the concession may continue to deposit according to the present requirements; but while advantage is being taken of the concession, the insurer may be subjected to the two following restrictions:—

(1) That no bonus or dividend is declared after January 1, 1941, at rates higher than those last declared prior to 2nd September, 1939.

(2) That the renewal expense ratio as calculated according to rule 258(B) of the Insurance Rules, 1939, must not exceed the ratio for the business of the period ending 31st December 1939, subject to appropriate treatment of capitalised expenses.

The Bill will contain provision protecting from the normal consequences of a failure to make the required deposit an insurer eligible for the concession who has made the proposed reduced deposit by 15th February, 1941.—A. P.

LABOUR LEGISLATION TO BE POSTPONED?

Central Assembly Budget Session Prospects

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.
It is understood that the proposals for introducing in the Budget Session of the Central Assembly Bills to deal with labour problems such as sickness insurance, holidays with pay, extension of maternity benefits legislation to women employed in coal-mines, and amendment of the Trade Disputes Act have been postponed; it is explained that between the Labour Ministers' Conference to be held here on January 27 and the beginning of the Budget Session, Government are not likely to have sufficient time to carry out any suggestion which may be made by the Conference.

The Bills are now expected to be ready to be brought up in the Autumn Session.—A. P.

Central Assembly Finance Committee

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.
A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislative Assembly will be held here on February 15. The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, will preside.—A. P.

Dow On Two Months' Leave

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.
Sir Hugh Dow, Vice-President War Supply Board, is leaving Delhi to-night on two months' leave before taking over the Governorship of Sind or April 1. Mrs. Dow accompanies him.—A. P.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

A BIG WEAK HEART



BANANA BOAT MYSTERY